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OUTLINES.

President Roosevelt has given Governor Sparks of Nevada five days in which to call his Legislature together, and if he does this he will permit the troops to remain at Goldfield. It is believed that the murderer of Annie O'Keefe at Harrison, N. J., will soon be located. It is stated that no donations are desired, or expected to the Christian Scientist fund established by Mother Eddy; her \$1,000,000 will be sufficient to meet all requirements. Ex-President Cleveland says that ex-Presidents should be provided for by the Government and not be obliged to go to work when their terms of office expire. Governor Glenn has written E. L. Andrews of New York, who represents holders of \$11,000,000 of special tax bonds of the State of North Carolina, which matured three years ago and were never paid, that the Legislature has twice repudiated them and that not one cent ever will be paid for them. The Carolina Life Insurance Co., of High Point has disbanded and the Jefferson Life Insurance Co., of Raleigh has taken over its business. The Southern Educational association, which has been in session at Lexington, Ky., elected officers and adjourned yesterday. It passed resolutions favoring a more liberal education for the negro and favoring colored teachers for their schools. President Roosevelt has thus far failed to get a shot at wild turkeys at his country place in Virginia; will attend church today. Judge J. C. Fritchard has granted an appeal from his final decree in the Virginia passenger rate litigation and the cases will now go to the Supreme Court. The judge has instructed the jury in the case of Caleb Powers at Georgetown, Ky., and arguments will commence Monday. The battleship fleet will leave Port of Spain early today for Rio Janeiro, its next stop. New York markets, Spot cotton closed steady, middling uplands, 11.80; middling low 12.05; flour firm; wheat spot firm; corn spot firm; oats steady; rosin, quiet, strained common to good 3.20; turpentine at 44; money on call, nominal, time loans dull and firm.

The Gaynor and Green case is at an end, at last. We suppose a few of the oldest inhabitants can remember when it started.

If the Democrats don't want to be just like Republicans, some of them had better lay aside their differences and get together.

"Shake well before taking," will be about the way a Doctor-Admiral will give his order, when he wants his ship to bombard some city.

"Mince pie is not injurious if you can digest it," says a physician. We suppose the same is true of pig iron, but have never tried it.

Two Sundays with the "lid on" was enough for Glee-o-rious New York. In fact it came near landing bad old Gotham in the hospital.

Captain Oberlin Carter has got Gaynor and Greene "skinned to a finish." He went right at his sentences, is now out and has a good position in Florida.

"We have received from Richmond Lodge No. 1, Pert Paragraphers' Protective Union, our credentials," says the Washington Herald. You can't stay out any later at night for that.

Harry Thaw's new defense will be "temporary insanity." Permanent is a much better word for such poor fools as he, but we guess "chorus girl insanity" hits the mark a little more closely.

Again we are assured that the Sultan of Morocco's troops have been defeated in battle. His majesty's soldiers seem to be quite as averse to remaining whipped as do our Pulan-janes.

"Get busy" says the Landmark to Congress. What are you talking about, brother? What do you call "busy." Hasn't Congress already passed a free seed bill and pulled off a fight.

Every time some nation proposes to build a new monster battleship, talk of widening the Panama Canal is revived. If this keeps on, the canal will be as broad as it is long by the time it is finished.

"Under the new order of things, no matter what individual opinion may be, there will be no room in this fair city for the grumblers," remarks the Birmingham Age-Herald, patriotically. Its two to one that that editor wrote it growlers.

"New Jersey is going to send Grover Cleveland to Denver as a delegate," says the Sacramento Union. Just wait till you have heard from Mr. Grover. In spite of bad health, we suspect he will have a word or so to say about that.

ACTION IS DEFERRED

City Will Not Acquire Water Plant Until it Can Be Improved.

SO SAY THE ALDERMEN

Acceptance of Company Received and Considered at Meeting of Board Last Night—First Will Float Bonds.

While the drift of the discussion of the subject by the Aldermen at their special meeting last night at the City Hall seemed to indicate that it is the purpose of the city to ultimately acquire the existing water works plant at some price, in view of the latest offer of the company to take \$140,000 for the property, there developed a very strong sentiment in favor of deferring action on the purchase until the city is able to furnish the Commission with funds to enter immediately upon a comprehensive plan for the improvement of the system.

A motion to defer action until a later date, possibly until the bonds are sold in sufficient quantities to meet the immediate requirements of the situation, was unanimously carried. This is understood to have been at the request of the Water Commission, which did not desire to take over the plant with no money to operate the same and absolutely nothing to meet the cost of needed improvements. It is safe to assume in the light of the discussion last night, that the Finance Committee will at once enter upon negotiations for the sale of the bonds and that at the January meeting some definite action along this line will be taken.

The matter came up before the Board last night upon the reading of the offer of the water company to sell the plant at \$140,000 as of January 1st. This offer was published in yesterday's paper.

Mr. Bolles, of the committee, speaking in connection with the report said that he and Mr. Wood of the committee had conferred with Colonel Walker Taylor and Mr. Jacob of the Commission in regard to this matter and that the consensus of opinion seemed to be that the whole matter should be deferred. He recited the negotiations since last meeting and said that there was really no outstanding offer from the city to the water company after the expiration of the fifteen days which had been given the Clarendon people to reject or decline the proposition submitted on the first Monday night in the month.

Mr. Bolles, speaking further in response to an inquiry from Mr. King, stated that in his opinion, after a further reading of the bill, the plant could not be purchased anyway until after the bonds are sold. He was firmly of the idea that the whole question should be laid over and an effort made to sell the bonds after the first of the year. The Board would then be in a position to act intelligently, either in the purchase of the existing plant or the laying of a new system. He referred to the condition of the bond market and the recent very satisfactory sale of Charleston and Columbia, S. C., municipal bonds.

John D. Bellamy, Jr., Esq., who was present in the absence of City Attorney Marsden Bellamy, Jr., was called upon for an opinion and stated that he did not agree with Mr. Bolles as to the necessity of selling the bonds before purchasing the plant unless the same was especially set out in the act. He said there was nothing to prevent the city from assuming the six per cent. bonds of the water company in case it was desired to purchase the existing plant as had been hinted in newspaper publications.

The City Attorney suggested that the last offer of the water company was rather ambiguous anyway. He would advise a very careful specification of all details in case the offer was accepted.

A question was then raised as to whether or not the City Clerk and Treasurer would feel warranted in paying out other funds than those provided by the sale of bonds for the purchase of a water plant. The City Clerk and Treasurer stated that he would not pay out the funds unless by mandamus and the matter was adjudicated in some court.

Regardless of all these technicalities Mr. Bolles stated that he thought it would be best in any event to wait until the city was in possession of funds not only to buy the plant, but to make certain improvements for which there would be an immediate and insistent demand from the people, once the city took over the plant.

Alderman Wood stated that the Commissioners had stated that if the plant was bought and no money was provided them for improvements or operating it, they would be forced to resign. He said the matter should be deferred.

Alderman Northrop said Colonel Taylor, Chairman of the Commission, had talked with him and he was thoroughly convinced that the plant would have to be improved at once. He said the city should defer action until some money was provided to make the system adequate to the needs of the city. Mr. Northrop favored concluding the matter one way or another. Mr.

SCHEDULE ON SEABOARD

Number of Important Changes in Arrivals and Departures Today Week Late Train Earlier and Early Train Later.

Official announcement of several changes in the schedule of Seaboard Air Line trains between Wilmington and Charlotte, effective next Sunday, was made yesterday by Maj. C. H. Gattis, traveling passenger agent with headquarters in Raleigh.

While these changes are slight, they are important to the traveling public and the announcement has been awaited with interest for some time. The late train at night, formerly arriving here at 1:25 A. M., will arrive after next Sunday at 12:35 A. M., which will put passengers in Wilmington at a much more reasonable hour from Charlotte, Hamlet and local stations through this made necessary the breaking of connection at Hamlet with No. 1 from Norfolk and Raleigh, which was an Exposition train. The train in the afternoon will hereafter arrive at 1:30 P. M., instead of 2:35 P. M. as before. This will also put passengers in Wilmington in time for the dinner hour, which was impossible under the old schedule. This train connects at Hamlet with No. 38 from Birmingham and Atlanta and No. 33 from Norfolk and Raleigh.

The leaving time of the early morning train is changed from 4 to 4:50, but the departure of No. 39 in the afternoon remains at 4 o'clock as at present. The early morning train will arrive after Sunday at Lumberton 7:26, Maxton 8:18; Hamlet 9:15 with thirty minutes for breakfast, Monroe 11:40 and Charlotte 12:35 P. M. There are some slight changes at many of the stations for the afternoon train from Wilmington, but these are unimportant, the train arriving at Hamlet at 10:20 instead of 9:15 as heretofore.

The schedule is one, which it is believed, will give very general satisfaction to the public and there will be much rejoicing that the train in the afternoon is not to be taken off between Charlotte and Hamlet as was at first reported.

THE MISSION PHARMACY.

Attractive New Store to be Opened Thursday by Mr. L. B. Sasser.

The handsome new drug store of Mr. L. B. Sasser at No. 5 North Front street, has been christened "The Mission Pharmacy" and will be formally opened to the public on Thursday of this week. It will be one of the most attractive and handsomely furnished drug stores in the city. The floor is of red tile and on all sides are attractive silent salesmen, display cases fitted with French plate glass mirrors and a neat medicine cabinet in the rear. A very pretty soda fountain has been installed. This is handsomely finished with onyx and the latest and most sanitary devices known to the construction of such apparatus. The prescription department will be on the second floor of the building and will be equipped second to none in the city. Mr. Sasser will be in personal charge of this department, but will be assisted by Mr. A. D. Currie and Mr. Norman W. Lynch, both of whom are well known and very popular with the trade.

"The Mission Pharmacy" promises to jump at once into popular favor for it is certainly a most attractive place.

TO PLAY NEWBERN.

Strong Wilmington Team Will Engage Eleven on the Neuse.

A strong football eleven from Wilmington will go over to Newbern on New Year's day to engage a team from that city on the gridiron and there is much interest in athletic circles in anticipation of the meet. A practice was held last night and another will be held Monday night at 7:30 o'clock on the grounds of the Wilmington Light Infantry at which it is hoped every member of the team will be in attendance with any other players who can "make good." Neil Morse will manage the team and the Wilmington contingent is confident of winning.

The team is made up as follows: Centre, Houston; Guards, Houston, R. and Grant, L.; Tackles, Houston, B. and Grant, W.; Ends, Wilkerson and Seifert; Backs, Bartlett, Newkirk, Hall, P. and Belden.

Sued Hotel Manager.

Alleging that he was dismissed before his contract for the month was out, Mr. Sam Ballinger has brought suit in Justice Bornemann's court against Mr. J. A. Boyette, manager of the Colonial Inn, alleging an indebtedness of \$60. The case was set for yesterday at 10 A. M., but at the request of L. Clayton Grant, Esq., counsel for the plaintiff, the case was continued to Jan. 1st. Mr. Ballinger was formerly employed as clerk at the hotel and claims that his month was not up when he was dismissed. Mr. Boyette alleges that Mr. Ballinger was only temporarily employed until the regular clerk arrived and that he was due the plaintiff only for the time he made.

Wood moved that the whole matter be deferred until the necessary bonds can be sold to purchase the plant and inaugurate the improvements. The motion was carried.

DOINGS AT RALEIGH

Governor Goes to Christmas Tree (And a Variety of Other News Notes.)

NATIONAL GUARDS TO MEET

For Meeting in Raleigh in January—Work on Masonic Temple Construction Suspended—Marriage and an Accident.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 28.—Governor Glenn last night delivered a Christmas address at the First Presbyterian Church in connection with the Sunday School celebration of the festival.

A. B. High has been appointed by the Seaboard Air Line as freight agent for Raleigh, vice E. Brady, deceased. Mr. High has been connected with the Seaboard offices here for a number of years.

A call has been issued for the National Guard Association of North Carolina to hold an annual session in this city January 6th, the call having been made by Capt. Jno. W. Norwood, of Waynesville, president of the Association. In the call he specifies a number of matters that are to be considered including the questions: "Should staff appointments be given to outsiders? Should we have the pay and allowances of the regular army while in camp? Should the Quartermaster's department be requested to furnish suitable buildings for regimental and battalion officers' messes? Should officers be examined for promotion? Should promotion by seniority and examination be adopted? Should the Quartermaster's department be required to furnish cots for use in camp? Should pay be allowed for attendance at drill? Should the National guardsmen be exempt from road and street tax?" The association was organized at Jamestown Exposition last August and is for the general improvement of the service and for bringing into closer touch the officers.

There arrived at the office of Governor Glenn this morning the pay rolls for the Second and Third Regiments, North Carolina Volunteers, for the Spanish-American war, so that he is now in position to issue, on the presentation of necessary proofs of identification, the balance due the troops of these two regiments as well as of the First Regiment. The total amount to be distributed in this balance due is about \$28,000.

An especially pretty marriage took place in Edenton Street Methodist Church at noon today, Miss Pearl Dixon, daughter of Hon. B. F. Dixon, State Auditor, being the bride and Mr. William L. Balthis, a well known cotton broker of Charlotte, the groom. The church was decorated in Christmas colors and evergreens with cut flowers and potted plants. The ceremony was by Rev. Plato Durham, brother of the bride, and Rev. W. H. Hardin, of Gastonia. The wedding party comprised Mrs. Stonewall Durham, as dame of honor, Misses Mattie Ray, Lottie Blake, Elizabeth and Evelyn Balthis, bridesmaids, Arthur Dixon, Gastonia, best man; Ralph and Ben Dixon, and Mr. Pegram and Mr. Myers, ushers. Mr. and Mrs. Balthis left after the ceremony for a trip North, after which they will reside in Gastonia.

Ed Chambers Smith, Jr., son of Hon. Ed Chambers Smith, Sr., was painfully wounded in the foot yesterday at Cardenas and was brought home last night. He was out hunting and the shot gun fired accidentally, the load passing through his foot. There is some danger of blood poisoning from delay in dressing the wound owing to the remote point at which the wound occurred. However, the physicians think there is very little danger of an amputation of the foot.

Work on the temple of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons here has been suspended indefinitely by order of the contracting corporation, The Central Carolina Construction Co., of Greensboro. J. W. Coffee, the foreman in charge of the work says he received instructions from the home office of the company in Greensboro some days ago to get the work in such shape as that there could be an indefinite closing down right after the holidays. Then yesterday the order for the closing down came. The carpenters and laborers were notified today and the work suspended. The concrete frame work of the building is finished, except some finishing touches on the seventh, or top story. A good start has been made in placing the Indiana limestone walls for the Fayetteville street front. No definite information as to the situation is obtainable here today owing to the absence from the city of Jno. C. Drewry, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and of the Temple Construction Co., the members of which are W. S. Liddell, Charlotte, Grand Master; Francis D. Winston, Winston-Salem; J. C. Drewry, Raleigh. The Masonic building committee in charge of the work of erecting the temple required an ample bond from the contractors in awarding the contract so that a protracted tie-up cannot occur

ATTACHED THE STEAMER

A. J. Johnson, Belonging to Capt. Bradshaw, Seized by Sheriff on Proceeding From Fayetteville For Small Amount Due.

Under an attachment proceeding from Cumberland County Superior Court in an action entitled McMillan Brothers against Steamer A. J. Johnson and Capt. Jeff Bradshaw, owner and master, Sheriff S. P. Cowan yesterday attached the steamer as she lies at Hall & Pearsall's wharf, together with all her furniture, tackle and apparel to satisfy a claim of \$48.50 alleged to be due for work on the boat.

The action was brought at Fayetteville by ex-Judge Thos. H. Sutton, counsel for Messrs. R. McMillan and T. H. McMillan, partners trading as McMillan Brothers, who allege that they furnished labor and supplies for the steamer. It is asked in the complaint that the steamer and her belongings be attached by the sheriff and sold to satisfy the claim according to Section 2029 of the Revisal of 1905. Sheriff Cowan yesterday went down and took charge of the steamer and will proceed according to law, though it is expected that Capt. Bradshaw will give bond and await an adjudication of the case in the higher courts.

The steamer Johnson was purchased some time ago by Capt. Bradshaw, who is one of the best known and most popular steamboat men on the river. For a while he ran the boat to Fayetteville, but the freight business was not sufficient at first to meet expenses and in spite of the fact that he had a good sum of money tied up in the steamer, she had to be laid up here for several weeks. He was just arranging to run the steamer as a Black river boat when the attachment came. He could not be seen yesterday to ascertain his plans for giving bond for the steamer and resuming operations on the river.

HE GOES TO KINSTON

Announcement Received With Regret by Mr. Fishplate's Friends.

The announcement in yesterday morning's paper that ex-Mayor S. H. Fishplate would leave on the first of January for Kinston, N. C., where he becomes proprietor of the handsome new "Hotel Caswell," was received with keen regret by his large number of friends here. The new hotel is steam heated throughout, splendid rooms, cuisine the best and fine sample rooms. Everyone hopes that Mr. Fishplate will make a splendid success of his new venture.

Mr. Fishplate came to Wilmington from Fayetteville in 1869 and has been a resident ever since, enjoying the respect and esteem of all. He is public spirited and enterprising; served the city for four terms as Mayor and during the panic of 1893 when he headed the city government, it was largely through his executive ability that in spite of the stringency of the times, the interest on the bonded indebtedness of the city was met and the city's credit preserved. This was a notable achievement of his administration. He is well liked by everybody. He conducted the leading clothing and gents' furnishing store here until four years ago, when his health made it necessary for him to abandon the confinement necessary to mercantile pursuits. He went with the American Tobacco Company and for the past several years has been Division Manager of the Duke's Mixture Department of the business in Eastern Carolina. He gives this position up to accept the opening at Kinston, which he regards as one of the most enterprising and progressive cities in the State and Mr. Fishplate has visited them all. His departure is very generally regretted by the people of Wilmington. Mrs. Fishplate will not join him until later. The genial ex-Mayor has the best wishes of everybody in his new undertaking and his high standing among the traveling men of the State will augur his success from the start.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES

Interesting Affair at Boys' Brigade Armory Tuesday Evening.

Members of the Boys' Brigade invite their friends and the public generally to join them in a midnight service in their armory, to watch the old year out on Tuesday. The service will begin at 11 o'clock and closes at 12 o'clock. There will be several short attractive addresses and good music. Mrs. Annie deR. Harris has consented to give one or more of her choice musical selections, and the public is cordially invited.

since the bondsmen or surety company can be required to complete the work.

A charter was granted today for the Hackney Bros. Co., of Charlotte with \$100,000 capital for plumbing and steam fitting business.

(Special Star Telegram.)
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 28.—A long distance telephone from the office of the Central Carolina Construction Co., of Greensboro, late tonight conveyed the welcome news that the necessity for suspending work on the Masonic Temple here is avoided and the men will be put back on their jobs Monday. It was only this morning that notice of the indefinite suspension was given

LICENSES GRANTED

Sixty-Three Applications From Liquor Dealers Passed Upon Aldermen Last Night.

ACTION WAS ONLY FORMAL

Committee Submitted Report and Batch Was Adopted as a Whole Upon Recommendation—Other Matters Considered.

Sixty-three applications for license to retail liquors in Wilmington for the six months ensuing the first of January were granted at the special, called meeting of the Board of Aldermen last night at the City Hall.

These were upon recommendation of the standing committee appointed for the purpose of examining the applications and having them placed in due form before presentation to the full meeting of the Board. There were no contests and no discussion of locations and persons as is usually the case, the granting of these licenses being merely perfunctory after the committee had submitted its report. The committee suggests that each dealer licensed be held to a strict accountability and that the business be conducted according to law in every particular upon penalty of forfeiture.

The Board was called to order shortly after 8 o'clock, all members having been in attendance except Alderman Ellis, who is absent from the city and was excused upon motion of Alderman Karr. The Mayor briefly stated the object of the meeting and Chairman O'Brien read the following report from the standing committee to which the applications were referred: "Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 28, 1907. To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Wilmington, N. C. Gentlemen: Your committee on liquor license applications, respectfully submit the following report:

"We have carefully examined 63 applications for the sale of liquor in the city of Wilmington from January 1st 1908 to June 30th 1908. After several corrections being made in the signing of application to the best of our knowledge they are now in compliance with the law in this matter, therefore we have approved said applications and recommend them to your honorable Board for the granting of license with the understanding that each applicant fully complies with the law governing the sale of liquor in the city of Wilmington or their license to be cancelled for infringement thereof.

"The committee beg to thank Mr. Marsden Bellamy, Jr., city attorney, and Mr. John J. Fowler, city clerk and treasurer for valuable assistance rendered in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
"M. O'BRIEN."
"W. A. FRENCH, JR."
"R. H. NORTHROP."

Upon completion of the reading of the applications submitted with the report of the committee, all the applications were granted without a dissenting voice as follows:

E. M. Cheek, No. 5 Market.
J. C. Boesch, No. 31 South Front.
W. C. Boesch, No. 801 North Fourth.
B. Bellois, No. 16 North Second.
J. N. Bennett, No. 1 Market.
M. Brunjes, No. 620 Market.
J. H. Brunjes, No. 925 North Fourth.
Casse & Schuler, No. 22 Market.
Case Fear Distilling Co., No. 128 Market.
D. E. Costin, No. 111 South Front.
J. W. Capps, No. 119 South Front.
M. F. Croom & Co., No. 102 North Water.
D. N. Chadwick, No. 15 Market.
J. W. Duls, No. 114 South Front.
H. T. Duls, Eighth and Chesnut.
J. D. Dennis & Co., Fourth and Nixon.
R. B. Futch, Eighth and Nixon.
N. E. Farrow, Seventh and Chesnut.
Calvin D. Gore, Ninth and Orange.
Gieschen Bros., Atlantic Inn.
N. E. Gallagher, 1120 North Fifth.
T. J. Gore, No. 22 South Water.
Geo. H. Heyer, 802 North Fourth.
Jurgen Haar, 401 North Front.
W. Van Hardin & Co., No. 119 Princess.
E. L. Hinton, Orton House.
H. F. Haar, No. 108 South Front.
Geo. Haar, No. 401 Nixon.
S. T. Ketchum, No. 8 South Second.
King Distilling Co., No. 5 Dock.
M. H. Kelley, No. 202 Princess.
John H. Kuck, No. 6 North Water.
G. W. Linder & Co., No. 33 South Front.
F. P. Lamb, No. 522 MacRae.
F. W. Mohr & Co., Fourth and Red Cross.
J. M. Mayland, No. 17 Princess.
Morris Distilling Co., No. 217 North Front.
Ottaway & Truelove, Eleventh and Market.
F. W. Ortmann, No. 17 North Second.
Rothschild & Co., Nutt & Red Cross.
Tim Robinson & Co., Grace and Water.
Charles Richters, No. 928 North Fourth.
Geo. Schnibben, No. 1120 North Seventh.
C. D. Griffin, No. 11 South Second.
Southern Distilling Co., No. 311 North Front.

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TAKE DOWN THE BARS.

"How to win South American trade" is the theme of many American editors since the return from the lower continent of Prof. Shepherd of Columbia University.

This learned gentleman went South at the instance of the Bureau of American Republics, now presided over by John Barrett, Pan-American diplomatist, pushful politician and former American Minister to Siam, Argentina, and the Republics of Panama.

Prof. Shepherd, at some considerable expense, acquired in his travels in South America the following baggage of familiar facts. That, on the part of the United States manufacturers and merchants, there is not sufficient study of the precise needs of customers; that goods are not properly packed, and that there is lack of direct and swift communication.

We venture to tell the Right Hon. Mr. Barrett and the wandering Shepherd that what ails American trade with South America is the high tariff shutting out the staple exports of the lower section of Latin America, and making it hard to get return cargoes, no matter if a commercial armada be sent down there.

The Panama canal will not win any more trade with the West coast of South America, so long as the stand-patters of high protectionism keep up the Dingley tariff bars.

Till the tariff is taken off characteristic South American staples, it will be of no use to establish direct subsidized steamship lines, or to set up American banks in Callao, Valparaiso, Buenos Ayres, Montevideo and Rio Janeiro.

PROFITS ARE TOO GREAT.

If a railroad company were to spend \$1,000,000,000 in building new lines or terminals, the stockholders would be asked to vote on the question and all the directors would be consulted.

Can there be any convincing reason why a concern like the Union Pacific should not consult its shareholders and all of the directors before making an outlay of scores of millions in purchasing other railroad stock?

Of course, if Mr. Harriman were to ask his shareholders whether he might buy \$46,000,000 worth of Baltimore & Ohio stock it might seriously interfere with the possibilities of the private enrichment of half a dozen men. Publicity would certainly destroy the chance for huge profits which the insiders hold in their hands by secretly buying in advance.

When other people put their money into any enterprise, two or three men have no right to run it primarily for their own personal gain.

No official should have the power to use secretly and without consultation his company's credit and treasury to the extent of its gross earnings for a whole year. If such a rule were enforced it would be impossible for a railroad president in a few years to accumulate one of the monumental fortunes of the United States.

IMPROVE THE JURIES.

The Jury Commissioners of Anderson, S. C., have sent out a circular letter that should meet with general approval. This has been addressed to each responsible taxpayer of the country and asks him to furnish a list from his neighborhood of good citizens who would make intelligent and honest jurors, and are subject to jury duty, to be put in the boxes for the coming year.

The commissioners indicate that they intend to have the names of none but the first-class men. This is a move toward the lessening of the bloody murder record that has disgraced that State.

The box, we are told, will contain the name of no man because he happens to be the friend of a commissioner and the jury fee and mileage make an object to him.

Furthermore, there will be no selection of names at haphazard. The purpose is to begin to secure the proper execution of the law by making sure of good juries, and it is a wise and righteous purpose.

The jury is the foundation of our judicial system, and when it contains rotten spots the system itself is likely to be insecure.

WALL STREET SPECULATION.

In one of his recent speeches President Roosevelt told a good story. In a way, we suppose he was trying to put in a sly dig at Wall Street.

"It is stated," he said, "that a young schoolboy brought home a flattering report from his teacher, and his father promised him a dollar should the next report be equally good. It was even better."

On receiving the dollar, the boy went out and did not return for more than two hours. When his father asked him what he had bought, the reply came:

"I have not bought anything; I spent all the afternoon changing my money first into dimes, then into nickels, and then into pennies; then back into nickels and dimes and quarters."

"What did you do that for?" asked the father.

"Well, I thought somebody might make a mistake and give me too much change."

The professionals are exchanging stocks among themselves in the hope that some outsider will be allured into making a mistake.

PAY THE DEBTS.

At this season of the year business men like to get their accounts settled and it is nothing more than right that every man who owes a bill should pay it.

If for some reason it is impossible to do so, let him go and "see" the man. Tell him about it, but don't try and avoid your creditors.

Every merchant and business man has accounts on his books and it is necessary for these to be collected in order that they may meet their own bills and start the New Year right.

If every man who owes an account and can possibly do so, would pay up things would unloose to a great extent and business conditions would be more satisfactory.

In justice to ourselves and right for our friends, let's all try and pay our open accounts, wherever they may be just and this as quickly as is possible.

New York is occasionally treated to a surprise. A contract has just been awarded to the lowest bidder, on a bid \$400,000 below the estimates of the engineers. As a contract for a dam in the new water supply was awarded to the highest bidder because it was feared that the lowest bidder would not make enough profit, the city is astonished at this recklessness in taking at his word a contractor who thinks he can do the work for less than the engineers supposed.

Hetty Green says there is no earthly happiness comparable to that which comes from making money. Hush, girl; have you never been thrilled by the announcement that the male quartette was unavoidably detained and would not be able to appear?

"If two-thirds of the girls who go on the stage would go to the kitchen instead, there would be a whole lot more of happiness in this world," says the Birmingham Age-Herald. But just how a fellow, near dead with indigestion, can be happy is more than we can figure out.

Press dispatches now assure us that Floretta Whaley, the young girl who eloped from Hemstead with Rev. Jere K. Cooke, is in Louisiana. Some day the notorious ex-divine will arrive at his destination and it will be spelled with an H.

It is more than probable that some of the Italians in this country have been treated rather badly. So have a lot of other people, but the score is more than evened up by the amount of good American coin they were able to send home at Christmas.

A man who can't wait till his wife has finished her Christmas dinner, before killing her, is a hard-hearted wretch. But that is just what a Yankee did up in Milford, Mass.

Sarah Bernhardt says she wants to die while playing Camille. Plenty of theatre goers would have been pleased if some actresses had died before they ever attempted to play it.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Newbern has prohibition all right; what it needs now is temperance!—Newbern Sun.

Congressmen have gone home to liquor up and rest from the labor of passing one bill, and will return to draw salary for killing some more time.—Richmond Journal.

Perhaps, however, if the doctors are placed in command of our war ships, bread pills will be substituted for lead pills—and that would please The Hague Conference, wouldn't it?—Washington Herald.

The Democratic ticket, as we see it at this writing, will be Bryan and Johnson. It will be an experiment to run two Western men, but the party seems disposed to cut loose from New York, for once at least, and see what will come of it.—Mobile Register.

—A Kansas policeman testifies that the Prohibition laws in that State are to well enforced that he would not

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must be deep in the mother's heart when she tries to console herself by saying "If I had not forgotten to get a bottle of GOWAN'S PNEUMONIA CURE, little Baby would now be with me." Forget—why forget when there is no excuse. External and all druggists.

know a saloon if he saw one. The which is equivalent to saying that he does not know a drug store when he sees it. But then the "knowledge" of the average policeman is proverbial.—Norfolk Pilot.

—William J. Bryan is the new Senator from Florida. If Nebraska was politically as wise as Florida, another William J. Bryan would be in the Senate instead of the nobodies who rattle around in Nebraska's seats. By the way, does anybody know the name of either of Nebraska's Senators?—News and Observer.

Why should business be disturbed or hindered by next year's elections? The Republican candidate will be some man pledged to carry out the Roosevelt policies. Probably the Democratic nominee will be Mr. Bryan, with no possible chance for election; and even if there are hopes in his behalf he is no more radical than Mr. Roosevelt. Aside from that, no changes opposed by the Republicans or in any way violent can be made in our laws except by the consent of the Senate, and the Senate of 1908, 1909 and 1910 is Republican, while beyond the Senate is the Supreme Court guaranteeing that nothing shall be done contrary to the constitution.—Richmond News-Leader.

TWINKLINGS.

TWINKS
—"But life has no bright side," wailed the pessimist. "Then get busy and polish up the dark side," rejoined the optimist.—Chicago News.

—"They say that he married her for her money?" "And what did he do when she lost her wealth?" "He lost his reason."—Harvard Lampoon.

—"John, where is Skinnem's brokerage office?" "Why do you ask?" "I understand he is offering some bargains in stocks slightly damaged by water."—Washington Life.

—"Teacher—Now, Johnny, why is it more blessed to give than to receive?" Johnny—Because when you receive you've got to give something better.—New York Sun.

—"Some people claim they don't get nothin' out o' life." And they are the kind that don't put nothin' into it to draw interest on.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

—"It ain't near as foolish," said Uncle Eben, "for a boy to believe in Santa Claus as it is for a grown-up man to sit down and trust to luck."—Washington Star.

"Think there is anything in this race suicide theory?" "Nothing to hurt as far as I can observe a sucker is still born every minute."—Nashville American.

—"Wife—We are founding a home for neglected children. Husband—Well, you can make a good start with the ones in your own house."—Megendorfer Blaetter.

"Your daughter can come to me for her music lessons and can do her practicing at home." "I'd rather you'd give her her lessons here at home and have her to do her practicing at your rooms."—Houston Post.

—"It's hard to believe that she's as intelligent a woman as they say she is. She's going to marry a Jap, you know." "Oh, well, love is blind, they say." "Yes, but there's no excuse for its being color blind."—Catholic Standard and Times.

—"Willie," said the Sunday school teacher, "who slew the giant Goliath?" "Why-er-lemme see," stammered Willie. "Come, now, that's an easy question." "Oh, it ain't the question that bothers me; it's the answer."—Philadelphia Press.

"You must have a good appetite," remarked the thin man, enviously. "What do you take for it?" "In all my experience," replied the plump one, "I have found nothing more suitable than food."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

IMPORTANT CHANGE SCHEDULE

SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

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Happenings and Doings In Society.

BY M. H.

Mr. M. C. S. Noble, of Chapel Hill, N. C., is spending the holidays in the city with his family.

Miss Mary McFadyen, of Clarkston, and Miss Dell Sutton, of Fayetteville, are guests of Miss Keith Covington.

The many friends of Mrs. Frederick C. Poisson are glad to know that she is in the city, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ed Bailey.

Friends of Miss Mary Hardison, of Rocky Mount, will be pleased to learn that she is expected to arrive shortly on a visit to Miss Charlotte Pennell.

Mr. Walker Meares, who is now living in Hartsville, S. C., has been spending the holidays in the city with his daughter, Miss Adelaide Meares.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Theus Munds, of Baltimore were in the city for a day or two during the past week en route to Bladen County, where they are spending the holidays.

The many friends of Mr. June Potts of Lake Waccamaw, N. C., were pleased to see him in the city during the past week, where he spent several days.

Says the Savannah News: "Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKee of Wilmington, N. C., and Master William de Bruyn Kops, Jr., are visiting Miss Maccaw."

The numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Cotton, and Miss Beatie Latimer are glad to know that they are in the city, where they are spending the holiday season.

Miss Florrie Grant and Mr. Richard Grant have returned from Newbern, where they went during the past week to attend one of the Christmas dances given in that city.

Messrs. John Hill Cronly and Robert Dixon Cronly of Petersburg, Va., are in the city, where they are spending a few days with their grandmother, Mrs. M. Cronly, on South Third street.

One of the informal entertainments of the week was a card party, given by Miss Maria Maffitt, on Friday morning. As usual Miss Maffitt proved herself to be a most gracious hostess.

The friends of Mr. Harry Latham, who is now living in Panama, were glad to welcome him to his home where he came to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. William Cronly.

A very pretty card party was given on Friday evening by Misses Reba and Kate Myers, complimentary to Miss Huske, Miss Kellack, and Miss Grey. Six hand euchre was played, and all of the guests pronounced it a most enjoyable affair.

Miss Alice Borden will leave next week for Atlanta, Ga., where she will be the maid-of-honor at the marriage of Miss Mabel Powers to Mr. John Glenn. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Powers, on Peach-tree street.

After a short visit of a few days to their daughter, Mrs. Phillip Warland Delano, Admiral and Mrs. Francis H. Delano left during the past week for Cocogut Grove, near Miami, Fla. Friends of Admiral and Mrs. Delano will be glad to learn that they expect to visit Wilmington again before returning to the North.

On Monday last, at the home of her mother, Miss Charlotte Duffy became the bride of Mr. Frank Backstrom Culp. The marriage was a very quiet one, only relatives and a few intimate friends, being present. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for Washington, D. C., where they will spend their honeymoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Linden Hawkes, of Philadelphia, Pa., are in the city much to the delight of their many friends. Mrs. Hawkes, nee Miss Annabel Latimer, was married last Spring, in London, England, and this is the first visit that she has made to her old home since her marriage. Mr. Hawkes has visited Wilmington a number of times, and has made many friends who always extend to him a cordial welcome.

The German which was given by L'Arroso German Club on Thursday night was one of the handsomest ever given by that Club. The Ball Room was beautifully decorated with all the holiday greens, conspicuous among them being the North Carolina Long Leaf Pine. Many attractive favors were given which added to the merriment of the occasion. The dance was largely attended, there being many out-of-town guests and college men present. Mr. Clayton Giles, the leader, gracefully led the guests through many intricate figures.

A beautiful reception was given on Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Cantwell to celebrate their silver wedding. The house was elaborately decorated for the occasion, and many guests assembled during the evening to offer their congratulations. Those who received were Mr. and Mrs. Cantwell, Miss Mary Lucas Cantwell, Miss Theo Cantwell, and Miss Amoret Lord, while in the dining room were Misses Julia Worth, Marguerite Walker, Helen Strange, Sue Prince, Mollie Cotchett, Annette Munds and Atha Hicks.

The coming week will be one of

special interest in social circles. On Monday night in the Masonic Temple ball room L'Arroso Cotillon Club will give its annual holiday german, which promises to be largely attended by its members and their friends; on Tuesday night one of the popular dancing schools in the city will give a complimentary dance to a number of young people at home for the holidays; on Wednesday night the New Year's Ball arranged by a number of the debutantes in Wilmington society will be given and on Thursday night the annual dance of the Howard Relief Club will take place at its handsome building at Front and Orange streets.

The appearance of Mr. Creston Clarke at the Academy of Music Friday evening was the signal for a great outpouring of Wilmington society people to see this favorite young actor, who with Paul Gilmore, is perhaps the most highly esteemed of the more prominent stars who visit Wilmington each season. "The Power That Governs" with Mr. Clarke in the leading role gave great pleasure to all who witnessed the production. After the theatre many of those in attendance repaired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Cantwell and joined with them in the most happy celebration of their silver wedding.

The Terpsichorean Club of Florence, S. C., gave its initial ball in the Wilkins auditorium in that city on Thursday night, a number of Wilmington young men having been in attendance, among the number having been Messrs. George Wilson, George Diebert, Norwood Huske, M. M. Gregg and A. J. Mitchell. These were the guests of Messrs. J. S. Mitchell, A. A. Moffitt, Ed Holmes and other former Wilmingtonians who are now residents of Florence. The music was by the First Artillery Band of Charleston and the dance was led by Messrs. Ragsdale and Fishburn, of Charleston. It was a favor german and a delightful supper was served at midnight.

Many Wilmington friends will read with pleasure the following from the Jacksonville Times-Union: "Mr. and Mrs. Edward D'Oize spent Christmas in Jacksonville greeting their many friends. It will be remembered that Mr. D'Oize is the competent young actor who played Damon in Damon and Pythias in this city last year when the play was given under the auspices of Montefiore Lodge, K. of P. He will have charge of a performance to be given in St. Augustine during January and may possibly put the play on in this city some time during March."

The Jacksonville Times-Union of a recent date says: "Mr. H. M. Flagler, who went to Jacksonville by special train yesterday morning to meet a party of Mrs. Flagler's relatives, returned with his guests last evening. Accompanying Mr. Flagler on his special were Mrs. W. R. Kenan, Miss Kenan, Mrs. J. C. Wise, Miss Louise C. Wise and Madame Blanchette. A few additional guests are expected to arrive tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Flagler, as has been their pleasant custom in past years, will entertain this house party at the Hotel Ponce de Leon during the joyous Christmas session again this year. Mrs. Flagler will also take great pleasure in her Christmas tree celebration for her many loyal friends, another beautiful practice of hers which she enjoys annually. Elaborate preparations are being made for the children's Christmas tree and party, and it is needless to say that both young and old who attend will enjoy occasion immensely, with such wholesome hospitality. Dr. Kenan, who has been spending some time here, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Flagler, left yesterday for The Breakers at Palm Beach."

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 27.—Miss Mary Astor Paul, daughter of James A. Paul, Jr., of the Drexel firm, made her debut last night at a ball at Horticultural Hall, that for grandeur, cost and novelty eclipsed the famous "ball of the four seasons," with which four years ago Mr. Paul introduced his oldest daughter. The flowers alone cost \$35,000, and for the occasion a new rose, a cross between the American Beauty and Soifano, that took nine years to develop, was displayed for the first time. At 11 o'clock 500 large brilliant butterflies, gathered in Brazil, Peru, and India were set free over the guests. The butterflies flitted everywhere amid cries of delight from the guests. Silken and painted butterflies were among the decorations also. The living insects hovered over the women, bumped into the lights, fell into the plates, and did other stunts, but they were very effective. All the Drexels were there, as was everybody else of prominence in Philadelphia society. The ball room was turned into a replica of a French garden. Sixteen

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EARLY LIFE IN CAROLINA

Splendid Historical Composition by Pupils of Eighth Grade of Hemenway School—That by Miss Murielle McMillan.

(Communicated)

During the Fall term the composition work in the Eighth Grade of the Hemenway School, of this city, has had for its definite aim the consideration of the peoples of the United States at the crisis in their history that resulted in the Civil War.

A series of compositions have been written on the character and motives of the early colonists in order to understand that their descendants—the stern, hard working New England leaders on the one hand, were governed by their conscience in the stand they took against the South, and on the other hand, the Southerners, no less conscientious, but more familiar with the phraseology of the Constitution and the privileges they enjoyed under it were determined to preserve States Rights or—die.

Believing that our pupils should know first about their own State we have devoted the month of December to the study of the North Carolina Colonists and on Friday of last week which was Carolina Day two compositions were read before the Committee and the School assembled.

The one appearing below was read by Murielle McMillan and compiled from an exhaustive chapter of Hill's admirable School History. The chapter was read in the hearing of the class and notes were taken and the ninety-seven scholars composing it reproduced the matter to the best of their ability. We feel that the one we have printed is average and representative. Mr. Allan Taylor, chairman of the School Committee, said he believed the purport of this work would be of interest to the readers of the Star and recommended its publication.

Early Life in North America.

The people who first settled North America came from Virginia, West Indies, New England and Old England. There was a small number of French, Germans and Swiss. Many of them were refined. You could tell so by their dress, their furniture and libraries. These came from the upper classes of England. There was a large class of poor settlers. They were plain but had comfortable houses. They got this by economy, hard work and good business sense. Another class were trifers, who were content with ease and no property.

A large part of the clothing was made at home. In a military drill in 1810 out of fifteen hundred soldiers all but forty dressed in homespun. In the homes of the prosperous spinning-wheels, flax hackles, linen-wheels and looms were used. The shoes were made at home, and sometimes hats. The wealthier men and women dressed in English fashion. The men wore three-cornered hats and their hair powdered and tied with ribbon. They wore coats trimmed with lace, their vests embroidered, they wore knee trousers fastened with buckles, elaborate stockings with gold threads. The women of Bath, Newbern and Edenton dressed in silks, taffetas and muslins over hoop-skirts. They wore high hats with plumes on them. Their shoes had high wooden heels. They were very fond of ornaments. Wills mention jewelry as legacies.

The poor people ate fish, pork, hominy, cornbread, and they sweetened their coffee and tea with molasses. The more industrious added to this game, beef, mutton, fowls, wheat bread and honey. The large planters had an Indian hunter whose business it was to keep the family well supplied with game.

Molasses, sugar, coffee, tea were shipped from England. As there were no sawmills in North Carolina in the early times, the houses were made of logs. They did not use nails in those days, but the roofs were made of clapboards and put together with pegs, hinges and fastenings and chimneys were made of wood and daubed inside with clay. By law, in 1726, houses had to be ten by fifteen feet. By 1676, fifteen years after the first settlement, we read of frame houses forty feet long and twenty feet wide, shades at the back and a porch in front all of sawed wood and all ready framed. By 1721 some houses cost fifteen thousand dollars without counting slave labor. Thomas Pollock, who owned Newbern, sold no land except to those promising to build a house fifteen feet square. After 1741 brick chimneys came into general use. They had large fireplaces with cranes, to have a kettle of boiling water always ready for use.

Bricks came into use very early. They had no glass in those days. Lime was made from the oyster shells, sawed lumber came from Boston and West Indies. Nails were hand wrought and mentioned in wills. The people who came on foot and horseback brought no furniture with them. Their beds were fastened into the walls. They had rough hand-made tables, shelves for provisions and pans for cooking. The people who came on ships brought their furniture with them. They brought pewter, brasses, tables, chairs, sometimes silver plates and ornamental furniture. Wills mentioned feather beds, silver tankards, silver spoons, China ware, linen sheets, silver tea-kettles and coffee pots. For their lights they used tallow sperm, wax candles and silver candelabras. In the colony before 1728 they used backlogs and kept the fire burning all night and there were coals from them in the morning.

—Greensboro, Dec. 27.—Police Sergeant Barnes has arrested Samuel E. Short, alias Frank E. Smith, on the charge of the murder of John Morovich, a restaurant keeper of Oakland, Cal. A reward of \$700 had been offered for his arrest.

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7:30 A M	7:55 A M	7:45 A M
8:30 A M	8:25 A M	8:15 A M
10:00 A M	9:25 A M	9:15 A M
11:30 A M	10:55 A M	10:45 A M
1:00 P M	12:25 P M	12:15 P M
2:30 P M	1:55 P M	1:45 P M
3:00 P M	3:25 P M	3:15 P M
4:00 P M	4:25 P M	4:15 P M
5:30 P M	5:25 P M	5:15 P M
6:15 P M	6:25 P M	6:15 P M
7:00 P M	7:25 P M	7:15 P M
8:00 P M	7:55 P M	7:45 P M
9:30 P M	8:55 P M	8:45 P M
11:00 P M	10:25 P M	10:15 P M
	11:25 P M	

Freight Schedule
Leave Wilmington 4:00 P. M. (daily except Sunday).
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CAROLINA PLACE SCHEDULE
Cars will be operated between Front and Princess and Seventeenth and Market every 20 minutes. Leaving Front and Princess at 6:55 A. M. until 9:55 P. M.
Leaving Seventeenth and Market from 7:05 A. M. until 10:05 P. M. All Suburban cars will make regular stops at Delgado.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE.

Wilmington Eastbound	Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
9:00 A M		
10:00 A M	9:55 A M	9:45 A M
11:30 A M	10:55 A M	10:45 A M
1:00 P M	12:25 P M	12:15 P M
2:30 P M	1:55 P M	1:45 P M
3:00 P M	3:25 P M	3:15 P M
4:00 P M	4:25 P M	4:15 P M
5:30 P M	5:25 P M	5:15 P M
6:15 P M	6:25 P M	6:15 P M
7:00 P M	7:25 P M	7:15 P M
8:00 P M	7:55 P M	7:45 P M
9:30 P M	8:55 P M	8:45 P M
11:00 P M	10:25 P M	10:15 P M
	11:25 P M	

Carolina Place Schedule.
(Sundays)
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Leave 17th and Market streets every 20 minutes from 8:45 A. M. to 10:05 P. M.

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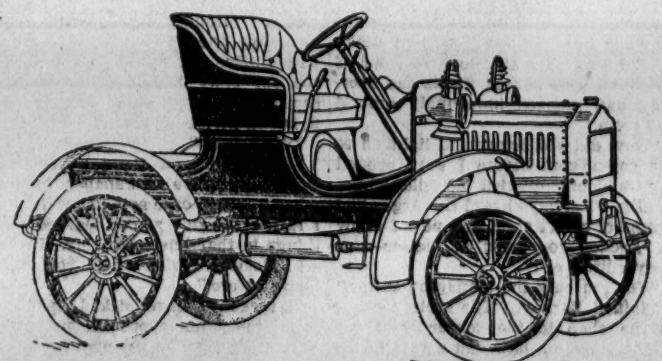
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Fun For the Staff.

By WILL S. GIDLEY.

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ON that day the Argus staff had had an unusually trying time of it. To begin with, the press dispatches had consisted chiefly of Russian war news, which had been pouring in steadily all day, filled with an unusual and most discouraging quantity of unpronounceable and unspellable names—that is, to any one except an expert in Russian and Asiatic nomenclature. To an ordinary editor, proofreader or typesetter they were simply so many jagged mountain chains of consonants, with an occasional vowel thrown in for good measure. To cap the climax one of the hand set columns got knocked into place just as the paper was about ready for the press, which made a great improvement in the spelling of some of the names, but ruined the article in other respects, so that it was necessary to reset it, which was done, putting all hands on the work and rushing it through at race horse speed in order not to delay the edition more than could be helped.

The result was—well, the Argus got out about on time, but as managing editor of the paper Barney Blake had no reason to feel proud of that particular column of war news as it appeared in print. Some of it was still in the second edition, also in the third and fourth. Blake saw to that personally, as he expected Colonel Starbuck, the proprietor of the Daily Argus, in some time during the afternoon, and, knowing him to be of an excitable temperament—the colonel often swore the Argus with its blunders would be the death of him—he did not care particularly to have him see that dispatch as originally printed.

The colonel failed to show up at the usual hour, however, and Barney was rather glad than otherwise that he didn't.

What he needed—in fact, what the entire Argus staff needed just then—was a little wholesome recreation instead of an interview with or a lecture from Colonel Starbuck—something to take off the tension instead of screwing it up tighter.

It is no wonder, then, that when an unexpected opportunity for innocent fun presented itself Barney joyfully and eagerly seized upon it and made the most of it.

The opportunity in question came in the shape of a caller—one of the oddest looking fish that had drifted into the Argus office in many moons.

One quick glance at the linen duster which hung loosely about his robust form and the last year's straw hat



"RECKON YOU MUST BE THE—ER—SASSIETY EDITOR, EH?"

perched on the back of his head, and Barney had sized him up for a horny handed agriculturist—probably one of the country subscribers coming in, as they frequently did, to look over the Argus establishment and see the modus operandi of getting out a daily newspaper.

"Hello, Uncle Horace! Looking for any one in particular?" saluted Blake as the man with airy toga and out of date headgear paused inside the doorway and glanced inquiringly around the room.

"How did you happen to light off to my cog-nomen before I even opened my trapdoor?" queried the caller whimsically. "I always heard the Argus had a mighty smart staff, and now I know it. Reckon you must be the—er—sassy editor, eh?"

"No; I'm only the managing editor," explained Barney. "The society editor is the chap in the corner with the chrysanthemum hair and a rose in his buttonhole. You will also recognize him by the diamond ring that flashes on his 'write' hand as he dashes off his eloquent and sparkling society bonnets and his fascinating descriptions of Mrs. Brown's colonial ball, Mrs. O'Raffer-

ty's French fete, Mrs. Robinson's Italian musicale or Mrs. John Q. Smith's Japanese lawn party. Oh, he's a genius—our society editor."

"You don't say!"

"Yes. The paper simply couldn't exist without him."

"That so? Queer Colonel Starbuck never told me anything about him," mused the caller.

"Oh, you know the colonel, do you?" asked Blake.

"Yes, we're what I might call slightly acquainted. I had a little business transaction with him the other day."

"Sold you a gold brick, I suppose," and Barney winked humorously at the rest of the staff.

"Don't know yet whether it will turn out to be a gold brick or not. Reckon I shan't worry any if it does. I've invested in gold bricks before, and the way I figure it it's nobody's business but my own if I do it again."

"Oh, I see," said Barney smoothly. "A trifle touchy on the gold brick question, eh, Mr.—er—Hayseed, is it?"

"Not quite. Hayden happens to be my name. Didn't make quite as slick a guess as you did on the Horace. But go ahead and call me Hayseed if you like. You can remember that name better than Hayden probably, and I guess it fits me about as well as the other, anyhow. Don't it strike you that way?"

"Oh! no, you're no hayseed! You're right from Chicago or New York city—anybody could tell that from the cut of your jib!" And Barney again passed the wink to the others, who all felt in duty bound to roar at the managing editor's wit.

"Nice, genial staff you've got. Chuck full of fun, ain't they? I hope they're not laughing at me. Hain't got a 'Please Kick Me' sign pinned to my back, have I?"

"That's all right, Uncle Horace," purred Barney. "Don't go to getting excited. The boys are just spolling for a little fun—been working under steam pressure today—but none of them would ever be guilty of—er—by George, they have, just the same! But it doesn't read 'Please Kick Me'; it says 'We're From the Farm.' And if I only knew the deep dyed villain who pinned it on you I'd discharge him this instant—yes, sir, this very instant—and I'd tell him not to come around again until tomorrow morning."

"There; that looks better," observed Barney, at which everybody roared promptly once more.

"Not quite so much levity, boys," said Barney reprovingly. "I am going to show our friend here through the Argus establishment, and I want to see how well you can behave while—"

"Biff!"

A big wad of paper came sailing across the office and caromed on the ear of the caller.

"That was our baseball editor who did that," explained Barney coolly. "Force of habit, I suppose. He probably imagined he was throwing a ball at first base. Don't let that happen again, Higgins."

"All right, sir," glibly responded the young man who had thrown the paper. "Mistake, anyhow. I was aiming at the wastebasket."

"Well, seeing you've apologized, it is all right," said Barney, with mock solemnity.

"Now, Mr. Hayseed—I should say Hayden—you have already been introduced to our baseball and society editors, and if you will cast your optics over the rest of the collection of geniuses before you I will enlighten you as to their duties, so that when you go back to the farm you will understand the secret of the Argus' success in gathering and disseminating the daily news of the entire world, including the city and county of Boomopolis."

"The exceedingly tall, thin young man with the short hair and prominent ears is Mr. Perkins, our secret service reporter and war correspondent. His build, as you will notice, fits him admirably for the position. He is so thin he can crawl over a transom without the slightest difficulty."

"You don't say!"

"Fact, I assure you. And that is why a thin man has a marked advantage over a 200 pounder. It requires less gas to carry him, and if he falls from a balloon it doesn't mumm him up so much as it would a fat man, thereby effecting a big saving in doctors' bills for repairing broken ribs, etc."

"I see. Quite an idea, that."

"Yes, and, besides, a thin man occupies less space and leaves more room in the basket of the balloon for the wireless message apparatus. You see, as fast as the war correspondent in a balloon gets a message ready to send in to the paper he grinds it out on a wireless sending machine, something like a phonograph, and it goes flying off into space until it strikes the Aerial Wireless Telegraph line, over which it whizzes through the air with almost lightning speed until it reaches the Argus office. It would do you good to see our office boy catching the messages in a wire basket as they come flying in at the window."

"Well, well!"

"Oh, I tell you there is a pile to learn about the newspaper business when a fellow once sets about it. Now, I rather imagine you've learned a few things in that line today, Mr. Hayseed—I mean Hayden—that you never knew before."

"I reckon I have picked up just a few stray hints about the newspaper business," drawled the man in the linen duster, and then he suddenly straightened up, and the awkward countryman of a moment before was transformed into something quite different as he went on in crisp, business-like tones: "Exceedingly valuable ones,

too, most of them. Now, seeing I have been running a newspaper myself for the past fifteen years, I had a glimmering sort of an idea when I drifted in here today that possibly I knew something about the business, but I find I was mistaken. I'm only a jibbering idiot in the newspaper business, from the Argus standpoint, and, having bought the paper, I've got to start in at the bottom and learn the trade all over again from its highly accomplished and courteous staff. Good joke on me, Mr. Blake, isn't it?"

Barney—not to mention the rest of the Argus staff—looked as if it would be a great relief to him at that moment if the earth were to open and swallow up the entire establishment.

"W-why—er—who—who are you?" he stammered uneasily.

"I? Oh, I'm nobody much. I'm only Uncle Horace, the old hayseed that dropped in on you a few minutes ago to take lessons in journalism and the



"WHY, HOW D'YE DO, MAJOR?" EXCLAIMED THE COLONEL.

art of entertaining callers. But here comes Colonel Starbuck. Perhaps I can get him to introduce me. How are you, colonel? A trifle late in keeping your appointment, aren't you?"

"Why, how d'ye do, major?" exclaimed Colonel Starbuck cordially. "I am sorry I've kept you waiting, but it has given you a chance to learn something about the Argus establishment and the staff."

"Yes, it has," interposed the caller dryly.

"Pretty bright looking crowd, major, aren't they? Boys, this is Major Hayden, the former owner and editor of the Centerville Courier. He has bought out my interests in the Argus, taking possession at once, and I trust the new relationship between you as employer and—"

"Hello! What has been going on here? What is that sign you are carrying around on your back, major? Here, let me remove it. 'Turnips For Sale,' eh? I surely hope that miserable attempt at wit was not placed on your back by any one connected with this establishment."

"I am afraid it was, colonel," was the calm reply. "You see, the boys mistook me for one of your rural subscribers, and they have been having some amusement at my expense. But I see they are pretty well worked up over it, so perhaps we had better finish our interview in your private office and give our humorous friends a chance to think the matter over quietly by themselves."

Half an hour later when the new proprietor of the Argus emerged from the inner sanctum he found a rather solemn looking crowd awaiting his appearance, and Barney Blake's erstwhile smiling countenance was the most sepulchrally solemn of them all as he stepped forward and gravely handed him a folded document.

Opening it, Mr. Hayden read as follows:

Major Hayden:

Dear Sir—We have had our innings, and it is now your turn. As the future proprietor of the Daily Argus you doubtless will not care to retain in your employ the staff of long eared, unmuzzled donkeys now connected with the paper, and we herewith hand you our resignations, to take effect immediately, together with our apologies for the unpardonable treatment received by you at our hands this afternoon.

This note was signed by Managing Editor Blake and the other members of the Argus staff, and below the signatures was the following postscript:

P. S.—The boys were bound to share the blame equally with myself and hand in their resignations with mine, but as I am the head of the office and the others took their cue from me I feel that I alone should shoulder the responsibility for what occurred, and as an act of justice to my fellow employees I ask that my resignation alone be accepted and that no one else shall be made to suffer for my fault. The rest of the boys are a pretty good lot. They will serve you faithfully and redeem themselves in your eyes. I am sure, if you will give them a chance. Yours respectfully,

BARNEY BLAKE.

"Resignations declined with thanks! You are all going to stick right to your jobs until I tell you different," announced Major Hayden bluntly as he finished reading the above communication, and, tearing it into strips, dropped it into the wastebasket. "You've had your lesson, boys, and I guess there isn't much danger of any more such exhibitions as we have had here this afternoon. I'm willing to try you anyhow."

"But I'm glad you added that postscript, Mr. Blake," he concluded, reaching over and giving Barney's hand a hearty shake. "It has a manly ring to it, and I reckon we'll get along together all right."



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In Society

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boxes fashioned of plaster Paris and decorated, lined the room. They were built especially for the occasion. A great fountain was built in one end of the room. Conservative estimates put the cost of the affair at \$100,000.

Friends of Mr. James Gause, who now lives in Atlanta, Ga., were pleased to welcome him to the city, where he came to spend the holidays with his father and mother.

Mrs. Elizabeth VanB. Sands was the hostess at a very delightful dinner, given on Friday evening, at her attractive apartment in the Carolina Apartment House.

Miss Josephine Boylan, an attractive and popular young lady of Raleigh, N. C., arrived yesterday to spend a week as the guest of Miss Helen Strange, on Orange street.

Invitations were issued during the past week by Mrs. Thomas Wright Strange to a card party, which will be given complimentary to her niece, Miss Helen Strange, who is one of this season's debutantes.

On Monday evening, Mrs. Elizabeth VanB. Sands will entertain a number of young people at a "College Etiquette Party," given complimentary to her son, Mr. Spencer Nichols. It will be a most unique affair, and all who are invited are looking forward to it with a great deal of pleasure.

One of the marriages which will take place during the holiday season is that of Miss Jeannette Love, daughter of Mrs. Lillian Love and the late Major T. D. Love, to Mr. John Mallard Fleming, of Thomasville, Ga. The wedding will be a quiet home affair, only relatives and a few intimate friends being present. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., at 6 P. M., on the second of January. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple will leave on the seven o'clock train, and will be at home at Thomasville, Ga., after the twelfth of January.

On Tuesday evening a delightful reception and Christmas tree was given by the Nurses Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, to the nurses of the James Walker Memorial Hospital, and it was an occasion of much pleasure to all who attended. The beautiful tree was filled with many useful and pretty gifts, which were presented by various parties. Mr. Henry Angel contributed largely to the pleasure of the evening, with some of his delightful character sketches. Later in the evening those who were present, enjoyed some delightful music, Mrs. E. K. Bryan, Mrs. Longfellow, and Miss Isabel Williams, rendering several beautiful pieces, after which delicious refreshments were served. At this reception it was made known that one of the ladies of the Nurses Committee has loaned a piano to the nurses, which will be greatly enjoyed by them in the future.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements By Wilmington Pastors for Pulpits Today.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Carolina Place: Services at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Subject of lesson sermon "Christian Science." All are invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor: Sunday after Christmas. English service, 11 A. M. Vesper service, 7:30 P. M.; Sunday School, 3:30 P. M.; Christian Association, 4:30 P. M. All services at present held in the Memorial Building, Sixth and Princess streets. A cordial invitation to all.

St. James' Episcopal Church: Holy Communion and sermon at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 3:45 P. M.; Evening Prayer at 5 P. M. All are invited.

St. John's Church: 11 A. M. Morning Prayer with sermon. 5 P. M. Evening prayer, short address. Sunday School at 4 P. M. W. E. Cox, rector.

Church of the Good Shepherd, corner Sixth and Queen streets: Morning prayer and sermon at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 P. M. Seats free; strangers cordially invited to attend. Rev. Thos. P. Noe, rector.

Advent Christian Church, Sixth and Church streets: Elder J. T. Johnson, pastor, residence 610 South Second street: The order of services for Sunday will be as follows: Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Subject for morning, "God Speaking to His Church." Evening, the subject will be in the form of three questions, which has been requested to handle. First: "Why did God condemn the first man for an act he foreknew he would do?" Second: "Who was the devil and did God make him such?" Third: "Did the deceiving of the first pair and the casting out of heaven occur at the same time?" Several are deeply interested in these important questions, and the pastor has been requested to propound them from the pulpit. Come early so as to procure your seat. A crowded house is expected. Cottage prayer meeting Friday will be at the Church, Friday night before the monthly Church Conference.

Trinity M. E. Church South, corner Ninth and Market streets, Rev. W. L. Rexford, pastor: Preaching today at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 P. M. To all these services the public is cordially invited.

Church of Christ, Seventh and Orange streets Rev. F. L. Davis pastor: Services as follows: Bible School at 10 A. M. Communion and preaching at 11. Christian Endeavorers at 6:45 and preaching at 7:30. Subject "How to be Happy." Prayer meeting Tuesday night at 8 o'clock after which will follow a watch meeting with proper programme and social features. Teachers' Training Bible Class Thursday evening at 7:30 at home of pastor, 102 South Fifth. Any one who cares to is invited to attend and join us in this class. The

public in general is invited and will receive a cordial welcome at any time. Grace M. E. Church, South, Rev. T. A. Smoot, pastor: Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Christmas music at both services. All are cordially invited.

Bladen Street M. E. Church, Rev. W. E. Hocutt, pastor: Services today at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. A cordial invitation to all to attend the services.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, corner Fourth and Orange, Rev. A. W. Seabreeze, rector. Morning service 11 o'clock; Sunday School at 3:30 o'clock; Evening service at 8 o'clock.

Fifth Street Methodist Church, Rev. K. D. Holmes, pastor. Services today at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Preaching by pastor. Sunday School at 3:00 P. M.; Prayer Meeting Wednesday night at 8:00 P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

Prohibition in Alabama.

(From the New York Press)

Our illustrious Gaddisart, on his 36,000-mile annual tour, struck the great temperance wave in the South and Southwest. Everything down there is brass. "You know," he writes, "a great wave of prohibition has been sweeping over this part of the country. Georgia and Alabama have gone dry as Maine was twenty-four years ago, and local option towns all over this section are no longer wet. They have gone dry by default, and close up out of respect to neighboring communities. They vote 'dry' and get their liquor by the jug. Mobile and Birmingham are sore. But they have to join the procession."

"This dry-town proposition has two sides. One is this: In all my travels I have noticed that the dry towns develop a bunch of bottle drinkers. Men who ordinarily would take two or three drinks a day have to send away surreptitiously and buy a quart or a gallon, and then they have a lovely skunk until the quart or gallon is gone. It is a very serious question if prohibition in this style does not do more harm than good; but they always have to experiment along these lines and spoil things. There are always enough Miss Nancys who can't let good enough alone to keep the commercial world in continual hot water."

A ROASTED RAT.

It Appears in Many Guises, According to a Japanese Legend.

In olden time, runs a Japanese legend, a Buddhist priest became acquainted with a daimio's courier who on his journeys to and from Tokyo would often stop and spend the night at the temple. He seemed to be a man of remarkable intelligence, with whom it was a great pleasure to converse upon all sorts of subjects. One night, as the two were talking together, the courier said:

"I thank you for the many favors you have shown me since we became friends, but tomorrow morning I must bid you farewell and never see you again."

"Why must that be?" asked the priest.

"I will tell you the whole truth," answered the courier. "I am not a man, but a fox. For the purpose of deceiving the daimio I assumed human form. One of his retainers, however, became suspicious and learned my secret. He has made a trap and baited it with a roasted rat in order that he may capture me on my return journey and put me to death. Alas, it will be impossible for me to escape!"

The priest exclaimed in astonishment: "Can it be true that you are a fox? This is a strange story. Since you know all about the trap, why do you not leave the bait untouched?"

"Because it is impossible for a fox, when once it smells roast rat, to keep from tasting it."

"Why, how is it," asked the priest, "that you, whose wisdom is more than that possessed by most men, can throw away your life for the sake of eating a roast rat? Among men, even a fool would know too much for that."

The fox, answered, with a bitter laugh: "Ah, it is only a roast rat that can lead a fox astray. But men, though well aware of the danger, are caught by their love of pleasure, of strong drink or of gold. To obtain these they not only throw away their own lives, but they bring ruin upon their families and their country."

"These temptations are only other forms of roasted rat"—Youth's Companion.

A Puzzled Author.

When Alphonse Daudet brought out "Sappho" an American publishing house that issued religious books, not knowing its character, offered M. Daudet a large sum for advance sheets of the work. He accepted the offer, and the advance sheets were sent. When the publishers received them they decided that they could not issue the book, and they cabled to the author, "Sappho" will not do." This dispatch puzzled Daudet. He consulted with numbers of friends, and this was the conclusion at which they eventually arrived: "Sappho" in French is spelled with one "p"—"Sappho," after the Greek fashion. In English it is spelled with two. An unusually acute friend pointed this out to Daudet, which much relieved the novelist, and he cabled back to the publishers, "Spell it with two p's." It is needless to state that the publishers were more astonished at Daudet's reply than he had been at their cable dispatch.

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Sunday, December 29, 1907.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Weather Bureau.
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 28, 1907.
Meteorological data for the 24 hours
ending at 8 P. M. Saturday, December
28:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 60 degrees;
8 P. M., 60 degrees; maximum, 69 de-
grees; minimum, 59 degrees; mean, 64
degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for
the month, 2.26.
Stage of water in Cape Fear river
at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Friday 17
feet 5 inches.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Cloudy, proba-
bly rain Sunday, colder Monday, part-
ly cloudy; fresh northwest winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 29.

Sun Rises 7:10 A. M.
Sun Sets 4:54 P. M.
Day's Length 9 hrs. 44 min.
High water at Southport 2:32 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 5:02 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Platt & Haar—This week.
Clyde S. S. Co.—Schedule.
A. D. Brown—Reductions.
F. E. Hashagen Co.—Cigars.
J. M. Solky & Co.—A Hold Up.
J. H. Rehder Co.—The New Year.
D. L. Gore Co.—William Tell Flour.
J. W. Murchison Co.—Happy New
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C. H. Fore & Co.—New Embroider-
ies.
C. W. Yates & Co.—Ring Out Old
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Solomon's Shoe Store—Arch Sup-
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for Rent.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. William Struthers, of Grist, N. C., was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

—Mr. R. D. Pridgen, with the Acme Tea Chest Company, is in the city on a business trip.

—Miss Floyd Johnson, of Faison, is a guest at the home of Captain W. F. Corbett, on Walnut street.

—The many friends of Mr. J. F. Cause, Jr., now of Atlanta, Ga., are pleased to see him in the city for the holidays.

—Messrs. S. J. Bryan and M. H. Bryan, who are now engaged in business at Georgetown, S. C., have returned to the city.

—Friday's Charlotte News says: "Miss Sue Woodside entertained a small party of friends last evening at her home on East Ninth street complimentary to Miss Annie Jones, of Wilmington. Refreshments were served and the occasion was greatly enjoyed by those present."

Funeral of Captain E. H. Scott.

From the parlors of Funeral Director Walter E. Yopp, on Princess street, yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, conducted impressive funeral services over the remains of the late Captain E. H. Scott, whose death occurred at the Marine Hospital Friday morning. A number of friends were present with the bereaved family and several very pretty floral offerings were laid on the casket. The funeral hymns were by a special choir of ladies and gentlemen from the congregation. The pallbearers were Messrs. G. F. Seitter, William Otersen, L. M. Guttenburg and W. W. Koch.

Christmas at Delgado.

A delightful Christmas entertainment was given Friday evening at Delgado in attendance upon which were not only many people from the village, but quite a few from Wilmington. There was a distribution of gifts to the children and a delightful programme of music and other exercises. One of the features was special music by a selected orchestra composed of Mr. J. E. Willson, leader; Mr. J. M. Culbreth, violinist; Mr. W. A. Martin, flute, and Mr. Wood, clarinet. The accompanists were Misses Mae Willson and Theirs. A vocal solo by Mrs. G. L. Allen was much enjoyed.

Miss Whitney Entertained.

Miss Bess Whitney entertained a number of little folks yesterday afternoon from three to five o'clock in honor of little Miss Elizabeth Minor, of Raleigh, N. C. Those present were Florence Scott, Daisy, Catherine and Robert McLean, of Mt. Olive; Marie Fennell, Pearl Reid Fennell, Clark Huggins, Harry Fennell, Jr., Reginald Blomme and Carlyle Blomme. Mrs. Lillian B. Minor and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, of Raleigh, are guests of Miss Mae Whitney, and the entertainment was in honor of Miss Minor.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—A handsome souvenir for the new year and one that is decidedly new and novel is a China tea pot saucer carrying on its bottom a calendar for the New Year. It is being sent out by Messrs. J. H. Rehder & Co.

—By deed filed for record yesterday Sol Sternberger and wife transferred to Charles L. Bryant, for \$150, property on west side of Seventh, 33 feet north of Wright street, 33x105 feet in size.

—A permit was issued yesterday to James Johnson, colored, to rebuild a six-room house to cost \$500, on Ninth, between Red Cross and Campbell streets, to take the place of one burned some time ago.

—Members of Engine Company No. 2, of the Fire Department, desire to publicly tender their thanks to Sheriff S. P. Cowan and Chairman French of the Fire Committee of the Board of Aldermen, for fragrant cigars which made the holidays quite pleasant for them.

—Dr. George C. Worth will be the speaker at the men's meeting at the Boys' Brigade armory at 5 o'clock this afternoon and those who know Dr. Worth as a speaker to young men are fully aware that he will have an interesting and profitable message to deliver to them at the beginning of the new year. All men are invited.

—One of the most useful office calendars being sent out this year is that of J. L. Shoemaker & Co., the well known dealers in book binders' materials, Philadelphia, Pa. The calendar has been a welcome arrival at the Star office for many years and is always given a prominent place in the shop. It is both attractive and useful.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Rev. T. A. Smoot to Speak—The New Year Reception.

Rev. T. A. Smoot, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, will speak at the Men's Meeting at 5 o'clock this evening. The subject of his address, "Gifts for the King," is appropriate to the season.

Mr. E. W. Butcher, Jr., will sing. There are at least two reasons why there should be a large audience. The speaker is a young man, a recent arrival in the city. Few men have had the privilege to hear him. This is the last meeting of the year and every member who can should attend.

The Woman's Auxiliary is busy arranging for the "Open House" for New Year's day. The president, Mrs. C. C. Covington, has appointed the following ladies as chairman of their respective committees each lady selecting her own associates.

Refreshments—Mrs. M. Moore.

Decorations—Mrs. Blue.

Entertainment—Miss Annie Adrian.

The ladies of the Auxiliary and the members of the Board of Directors will serve as a reception committee. No cards of invitation will be issued. This is the day when the Association throws open its doors to all citizens and bids them enter.

ANNUAL SERMON TO JUNIORS

Will be Preached This Evening by
Rev. K. D. Holmes.

The annual sermon to the Junior Order of United American Mechanics of the city, both Jeff Davis and George Washington Councils, will be preached at 7:30 o'clock this evening at Fifth Street M. E. Church by the Rev. Kenneth D. Holmes, pastor of the congregation. All Juniors in the city and all visiting members of the order in Wilmington this evening are invited to assemble at the hall this evening at 7 o'clock for the purpose of proceeding to the church in a body and occupying special seats reserved for them. There will be special music for the occasion and the service promises to be most interesting. Rev. Mr. Holmes is a gifted and eloquent speaker in whom the fraternal spirit is strong. He will be heard with a great deal of interest and pleasure upon this occasion.

The council hall of the Juniors is now located in the old Masonic temple building on Market street and members are asked especially to be there on time.

HIS FATHER DEAD.

Mr. F. H. Fechtig Suffers Bereavement
in Death at Roanoke, Va.

The many friends of Mr. F. H. Fechtig, purchasing agent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, will tenderly sympathize with him in the death of his father, which occurred yesterday morning at 4 o'clock at his home in Roanoke, Va. Mr. Fechtig left at once for Roanoke to attend the funeral, which will be conducted today from the late residence. The death of the venerable father of Mr. Fechtig resulted from a most unusual accident. Several days ago while walking on the streets of the Virginia city he was run into by a man running from another and was thrown with considerable violence, in consequence of which he suffered a broken hip. The accident at first was not regarded as serious, but on Friday his condition became critical and he gradually sank until the end came.

Mr. Fechtig leaves several sons, one of whom is a prominent osteopath of New York City. Hundreds of friends will sympathize with the bereaved ones in the sorrow that has come to them.

The following Associated Press dispatch was received last night:

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 28.—B. Y. Fechtig died today from the effects of injuries received Christmas Eve when he was accidentally knocked down in a street collision by Samuel Bruce, a young man. Mr. Fechtig, who was 75 years old, was the father of Frank H. Fechtig, purchasing agent for the Atlantic Coast Line. Bruce was arrested.

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Sternberger Bros., No. 411 North Front.

M. L. Starkey, No. 114 North Front.
Steljes & Co., No. 920 Market.
J. E. Taylor, No. 802 Castle.
E. A. Todd, No. 501 South Fourth.
E. A. Todd, No. 523 South Seventh.
E. A. Todd, Sixth and Castle.

H. E. Truelove, Water and Princess.
M. H. Croon, President for W. M. Troutman, Ninth and Cape Fear, 5 barrel Grain Distillery.

Martin VanOesen, No. 1022 North Fourth.
J. S. & J. A. Westbrook, Thirteenth and Market.

J. S. Westbrook, Fourth and Bladen.
J. C. Walton, Seventh and Castle.
H. T. F. Wrede, Sixth and Red Cross.

The Mayor and Board of Audit and Finance were authorized to negotiate a loan of not exceeding \$20,000 to meet interest on bonded indebtedness due and payable January 1st. On account of the new buildings recently erected and paid for at this time, the balance in the treasury is not so large as usual and taxes are coming in more slowly than heretofore. It was explained that there was no deficit, but that it was simply a question of expediency.

Alderman O'Brien suggested that bids for the negotiation of this loan be asked for. The city's banking business should be divided. He said the matter had been referred to the Finance Committee and Chairman Bolles made report of the committee's consideration of the subject, saying that the matter of the deposits was with the city clerk and treasurer, who was bonded. Should the city instruct him where to deposit, the treasurer's bond would be relieved of all liability. No bank desired to participate in the loan business without it gets some of the deposits in connection therewith. No action was taken in this matter.

Alderman Bolles asked and was given unanimous consent to bring up the matter of the encampment site, which could neither be sold nor leased. He made a motion that Mr. Pembroke Jones be appointed custodian of the grounds at the will of the Board of Aldermen. It was explained that while the city would receive no rental from the property, it would be taken care of by the custodian. The motion of Alderman Bolles was not seconded and the question was referred back to the Finance Committee and City Attorney for report at the next meeting.

Alderman French moved that \$100 be appropriated for some necessary furnishings in the new consolidated fire house and this was granted after which the Board took a recess until the regular meeting Monday night week.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet Monday afternoon to pass upon the licenses approved by the Aldermen last night.

MARRIED IN PENNSY.

Mr. Graham Alderman Claims a Bride
at Jersey Shore, Pa.

Many friends in this city of Mr. Graham Alderman, will be interested and pleased at the announcement that on yesterday morning at Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, Pa., he married Miss Helen Carpenter, a most attractive young woman of that place who has visited in Wilmington and who has many friends here. She is a first cousin of Mr. W. F. Carpenter, of Wilmington, and spent last Summer here.

Mr. Alderman was accompanied to Pennsylvania by Mr. O. A. Wiggins, Jr., who was his best man. The popular young couple will arrive in the city early in the New Year and will make their home in this city where they have many friends. The groom as a popular employee of the Hilton Lumber Co., in Wilmington.

SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY.

Exercises to be Resumed Monday
Morning at Usual Hours.

After a recess for the holidays the public schools of both the city and county will resume their sessions tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Superintendent Blair, who has been spending Christmas at his old home at High Point, will return to the city today and most of the principals and teachers who left the city for the holidays will have returned by the opening exercises tomorrow. Pupils and teachers alike are looking forward to a pleasant and profitable Spring term in all the institutions. There will be holiday for New Year's but after that the schools will go on as interrupted until commencement in the Spring.

Police Court Yesterday.

There was but one case of interest before the Mayor in the police court yesterday. John McMillan and Robert McMillan, colored, were charged with drawing a revolver on Ed Williams at Tenth and Red Cross streets Christmas day when they had a family quarrel. Both were bound to the higher court under bonds of \$25 which was given by the first named. Other cases were trifling.

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AT IMMANUEL CHURCH

Pretty Christmas Entertainment With
Popular Congregation.

The annual Christmas entertainment at Immanuel Presbyterian Church on Friday evening was largely attended and was a most delightful affair in every respect. Rev. J. S. Crowley, the popular pastor of the congregation, made a neat address appropriate to the occasion and there was a distribution of candies and fruits to all the little folks with other appropriate Christmas gifts.

The entertainment took place in the kindergarten room and a delightful programme of music, recitations, Christmas cantatas and the like was carried out splendidly by the little folks. There was a Santa Claus, of course, and the tots were especially charmed with this feature of the exercises.

Those in charge of the entertainment other than the pastor were Mr. Coffey, acting superintendent of the Marion Sprunt Playgrounds; Misses Anna Savage, Blanche Parsley, Mrs. E. Norfleet and Messrs. Howard and Wiggins. The occasion will linger long most pleasantly in the minds of the little folks.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

Entire Change of Bill This Week—
Orchestra Programme.

While there will be no new people at the Crystal Palace this week, yet the bill in its entirety will be changed twice, the first change being made Monday night, and there will be all new motion pictures. There has been no occasion to get new people, as the National Concert Company proved so popular that the patrons requested their continuance, and of course, the Crystal wants to please the people. However, the New Year's week offering will be a big one. Starting Monday night a feature programme will be presented and will include Baby Violet, the tiny, graceful tot, who will render some of the newest songs; Miss Violet Williams, in songs and dances, including the beautiful serpentine dance; Mr. Chas. Besley, in some brand new comedy black face work; the mirth provoking sketch "Fun at Atlantic City" by the entire company, and the latest moving pictures.

The orchestra has also arranged a special holiday programme, so it can readily be seen that next week is going to be a big one at the Palace.

Steamer With Naval Stores.

The British steamer Ness cleared yesterday for London, via Savannah, Ga., with cargo of naval stores. She will complete her cargo at the latter port. The cargo taken aboard here consists of 7,500 barrels of rosin, valued at \$34,000, the vessel and cargo being cleared from the Custom House by the South Atlantic Steamship Company, per Helde & Company.

Funeral of a Child.

Impressive funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Adjutant Yates, of the Salvation Army, over the remains of Catherine, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Todd, whose death occurred on Friday. The services were from the family home, No. 1006 South Second street and the remains were laid to rest in the Rush burying ground, near the city.

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FOR NEGRO EDUCATION

Southern Educational Association
Passes Resolutions Favoring a
More Liberal Industrial Train-
ing of Colored Teachers.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Lexington, Ky., Dec. 28.—The Southern Educational Association which closed its eighteenth annual session today, passed the following resolutions by unanimous standing vote.

"We endorse the accepted policy of the States of the South in providing facilities for the youth of the negro race, believing that whatever the ultimate solution of this grievous problem may be, education must be an important factor in that solution.

"We believe that the education of the negro in the elementary branches of education should be made thorough and should include specific instruction in hygiene and home sanitation for the better protection of both races. We believe that in the secondary education of negro youth, emphasis should be placed on agriculture and the industrial occupations, including nurse training, domestic science and home economies.

"We believe that for practical economical and physiological reasons negro teachers should be provided for negro schools.

"We recommend that in urban and rural negro schools, there should be closer and more thorough supervision, not only by city and county superintendents, but also by directors of music, drawing, manual training and other special topics.

"On account of economy and physiological differences in the races, we believe that there should be a difference in courses of study and methods of teaching as shall meet the evident needs of negro youth."

"We insist upon such a distribution of the school funds that all the youth of the negro race shall have at least an opportunity to receive elementary education provided by the State, and in the administration of the laws and the execution of the additional policy, we urge patience, tolerance and justice."

The work of the Agricultural School in the scheme of State education was considered in a paper read by Prof. Andrew M. Soule, of Athens, Ga.

President, R. N. Beak, of Richmond, Ky., discussed modern tendencies in education, some practical means for improvement in Superintending James H. VanSickle of Baltimore, Md. State support for libraries was urged by Miss Frances N. Green of Montgomery, Ala., and Civics and Citizenship was the title of a paper by Superintendent Joseph Cook, of Columbus, Miss.

The following officers were elected: President, P. P. Claxton, of Tennessee; First Vice President, J. P. Van Sickle, of Baltimore; Second Vice President, M. A. Cassidy, of Lexington, Ky.; Third Vice President, Mrs. Bessie W. Birdsall, of South Carolina; Secretary, H. E. Bertley, of Tennessee; Treasurer, E. P. Burns, of Georgia; Directors, W. C. Griggs, of Alabama; John W. Hineman, of Arkansas; Miss Clem Hampton, Florida; C. B. Gibson, Georgia; J. G. Grabbie, Kentucky; J. B. Aswell, Louisiana; M. B. Stevens, Maryland; H. L. Whitfield, Mississippi; E. H. Childs, North Carolina; L. W. Baxter, Oklahoma; D. B. Johnson, South Carolina; G. H. Baskette, Tennessee; D. F. Houston, Texas; J. L. Farmer, Virginia, and T. C. Miller, West Virginia.

The time and place for the next annual meeting will not be selected until some time next year.

DIDN'T GET A SHOT

President Failed to Get a Turkey But Will Attend Church Today.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 28.—The stiff Southern breeze that prevailed yesterday afternoon prevented the President from getting close enough to the wild turkey to get even a single shot.

Undismayed, however, at his failure and despite the threatening clouds, he set out on horseback this afternoon in quest of the wary birds, the destination this time being the old haunts in Green mountain, where a big gobler was killed on the wing last December by a well directed shot.

The start was made two hours earlier than yesterday, "Uncle Dick" McDaniel leading the way to one of his favorite blinds.

When the President bade Stenographer McGraw good bye at North Garden Thursday afternoon, it was his idea to divorce himself entirely from work of any sort, and much was his surprise to find Mr. McGraw and Secret Service Guard Sloan awaiting him at Pine Knot, upon his return from yesterday afternoon's hunt.

Tomorrow morning at 11:30 the party at Pine Knot will attend divine services at Christ Church, St. Ann's Parish, which is less than a half mile from the Roosevelt lodge. Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Carey will go over in a carriage and if the weather is fair, the President will foot it, in company with the boys. The President usually reaches the church before the hour set for the services, as is the habit of his country neighbors, in order to hold a brief chat with several of his acquaintances.

The sermon tomorrow will be by the new rector, Rev. W. H. Darbie, who recently succeeded Rev. Thomas P. Baker.

Mrs. Roosevelt appears to be enjoying the outdoor life as much as the President. This morning she went for a long drive, accompanied by her sister, and this afternoon enjoyed a horse back ride. She was accompanied by Mr. Joseph Wilmer. So engrossed are Kermit, Archie and Quentin in following the beagles and enjoying tramps through the woods, that thus far they have not found time to pay their usual visit to the store at Glendoves.

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WILL RICHARDSON HERE.

Negro Charged With Double Murder Christmas Returned Today.

Will Richardson, the negro to whom all the evidence points as the perpetrator of the double murder in Terry's alley, in this city, on Christmas eve night, was brought to the city at 2:10 o'clock this morning from Pine Hurst, N. C., by Officer G. G. Jones, of the Wilmington police force, who went for him yesterday morning in response to a telegram stating that he had been arrested by a deputy sheriff there. He was committed to jail without bond as the coroner's jury which investigated the killing reached an unqualified verdict that the two victims of the tragedy came to their deaths at the hands of Richardson.

Officer Jones says that Richardson gave him no trouble on the trip down but would talk very little. He says that he was at home Christmas day. This might have been possible if he had left the city on the 4 o'clock train the morning following the tragedy. He maintains his innocence and says that he did not commit the murders. He is a small, black negro, but has anything but a good face and will have a hard job to prove his innocence, though his people, who live at Pine Hurst will no doubt endeavor to establish an alibi for him.

BURKHEIMER, REAL ESTATE

Popular Young Wilmingtonian Engaged in Business for Himself.

There is interest in real estate circles of the city in the announcement that Mr. W. L. Burkheimer, a popular young Wilmingtonian, will, on the first of January, open an office for himself at 214 Princess street, where he will be prepared to take care of all business entrusted to him. He is a man of twelve years' experience in the business, and is thoroughly conversant with the city and its real estate. He will give particular attention to collections and rentals and will handle any and all kinds of property placed on the market. Mr. Burkheimer's wide experience and acquaintance in the city will stand him in good stead and there is no doubt of his success.

WATSON-CULPEPPER.

Quiet But Very Pretty Marriage Yesterday Afternoon.

At the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Herbert Hill Ford, 120 North Fourth street, this city, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Miss Nettie Watson, of Valdosta, Ga., and Mr. W. T. Culpepper, of Argyle, Ga., were married, Dr. A. D. McClure officiating.

Miss Watson has been visiting her sister here, and has made many friends. Mr. Culpepper is well known in Valdosta and Argyle, being identified with the banking interests of that section, and the junior member of the firm of Culpepper & Son, wholesale grocers, Argyle, Ga.

The couple left at 3:35 P. M. over the Atlantic Coast Line, for Argyle, where they will make their future home.

Receiver for Eccleston Lumber Co.

Friday afternoon's Charlotte News says: "Hon. Willis B. Dowd, of New York City, leaves tonight for Wilmington. Mr. Dowd is receiver for the Eccleston Lumber Company, a New York corporation with interests in the eastern part of this State. He was appointed to this position by Judge Holt, of the United States District Court in New York, and goes to Wilmington in connection with his duties in this capacity."

REPUDIATES THE BONDS.

Governor Glenn Informs New Yorker That Legislature Settled Question.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 28.—Governor Robert B. Glenn, of North Carolina, in a letter received today, replying to a communication from Edward L. Andrews, who represents holders of \$11,000,000 of special tax bonds of the State of North Carolina, which matured three years ago, and were never paid, declared that the Legislature has twice repudiated the bonds and that the State would not pay one cent for them. Governor Glenn declares that North Carolina has acted fairly with its creditors, but that it would not pay for bonds "conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity."

Mr. Andrews urged that a settlement be effected, stating that arrangements were being made to donate \$3,000,000 of the bonds to a foreign government for the purpose of a suit, since, under the law, individuals cannot sue a State. The question of payment of the bonds have been the subject matter of interminable litigation. The payment of the bonds was declined because it was urged that the agent who disposed of the bonds failed to make proper return to the State.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 28.—The bonds referred to in the New York dispatch are known in North Carolina as "special tax bonds" and were made during the reconstruction period the State getting nothing.

Many of those have been collected by New York parties represented by John G. Carlisle, Henry H. Melville and L. E. Whitcher and offers to donate large amounts to various States by these bondholders, so as to have suits brought against North Carolina have been rejected.

Edward L. Andrews wrote Governor Glenn to present the matter of paying these bonds to a possible extra session of the Legislature with the request for a constitutional amendment election to let the people vote on paying the bonds, threatening, unless this is done, to give three millions of the bonds to a foreign nation so as to have suit brought, as no individual can sue a State.

The bonds were considered as fraudulent and twice the Legislature has declined to pay them while once the people in a constitutional election repudiated them.

Governor Glenn wrote Mr. Andrews declining to do anything but to resist any action brought, that the bonds were "conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity" that he does not believe any State or Nation will harass North Carolina about them and that Mr. Andrews need not write any more, as his threats of suits will avail nothing.

THE EX-PRESIDENTS

Should be Taken Care of By the Government Says Grover Cleveland.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 28.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland, under the title of "Our People and Their Ex-Presidents," has contributed an interesting article to the Youths Companion for January 5th.

Referring to the poverty of Jefferson after he left the Presidency as a blow to national pride, Mr. Cleveland declares that definite and generous provision should be made for the maintenance of Chief Magistrates at the expiration of their terms.

He deals with the subject at length and explains that he feels he can do so without his sincerity being questioned, since he is beyond the need of aid from the public treasury.

"The condition is by no means met," Mr. Cleveland writes, "by the meagre and spasmodic relief occasionally furnished under the guise of a military pension or some other pretext; nor would it be best met by making compensation dependent upon the discharge of Senatorial or other duty. Our people ought to make a definite and generous provision for all cases alike, based on motives of justice and fairness, and adequate to the situation."

Mr. Cleveland describes the limitations that his former high office place on a retired President, in his choice of occupations and means of livelihood and how popular conception of him as a repository of national dignity enforces a scale of living that may not be within his private means.

"There is a sort of vague, but none the less imperative feeling abroad in the land," says Mr. Cleveland, "that one who has occupied the great office of President holds in trust for his fellow citizens a certain dignity, which in his conduct and manner he is bound to protect against loss or deterioration. Obedience to his obligation prescribes for him only such work as in popular judgment is not undignified."

"This suggestion, without argument, a reciprocal connection between the curtailment of opportunities and a reasonable obligation of indemnification on the other."

One division of the Cleveland article is devoted to the "occupations of an ex-President" and in it the former President reveals the multiplicity of things which persons endeavor to bring to the attention of the retired statesmen, and the manner of affairs he is asked to engage in.

"He is deluged with books," Mr. Cleveland says, "most of them indifferent or positively worthless, and these he is expected to read and commend for advertising purposes. He is made a target for all sorts of pecuniary solicitations, embracing all sorts of objects, ranging from large endowment funds and disinterested owners of fabulously profitable investments to pathetic and depressing appeals for the relief of individual distress."

"He is almost daily importuned to join the management of public or semi-public enterprises which profess to be useful; or beneficent or charitable. He is persistently urged to make addresses on topics and for purposes that are bewildering, and at times and at places that are impossible. His daily mail furnishes conclusive evidence that he is not overlooked by any class or condition of our people in any corner of our land, and the visitors he receives forbid the reflection that he is only a 'melancholy product' of our government system."

"It is most gratifying to note how the lives of our ex-Presidents are made grateful and bright by the generous attachment and spontaneous kindness manifested toward them by their fellow countrymen."

STATEMENT IS ISSUED.

No Contributions Are Desired to the Christian Scientist Fund.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—The following statement regarding the charitable purposes of the fund of \$1,000,000 recently given by Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, the founder of the Christian Science church, was issued today by Alfred Farlow of the publication committee:

"There seems to be an impression that contributions to the fund are desired. This is a mistake. Since the announcement of Mrs. Eddy's enterprise, she has been in receipt of many letters of appreciation, from all parts of the world, commending her efforts. Many of these letters have been accompanied by checks, sent as contributions to aid the fund. It should be well understood that Mrs. Eddy has set aside the entire amount necessary for this fund, namely \$1,000,000 and donations from others have not been asked for, nor are any expected."

COMPANY DISBANDS.

Jefferson of Raleigh Takes Over the Carolina Insurance Company.

High Point, Dec. 28.—At a meeting late Friday evening it was decided to sell the Carolina Life Insurance Company, of this city, to the Jefferson Life Insurance Company, of Raleigh, which will take over all the policies and assume the risks. The company will go into liquidation and Mr. R. A. Wheeler was appointed chairman of a committee with Mr. W. P. Ragan and Mr. J. E. Kirk, who will practically wind up the affairs of the company, paying the stockholders their stock as fast as it comes in. Negotiations have been going on for several days and the sale came as no surprise, the stockholders failing to pay in the amounts subscribed, and as the law requires a \$50,000 capital, this course was deemed the best plan.

In the will of United States Senator R. Mallory of Florida, filed for probate, a bequest of two thousand dollars was made to Georgetown University, his alma mater. Another portion of the will states that the grave of the deceased shall be marked only by a simple marble slab, to cost not more than one hundred dollars.

Visit Lumina Today.
Cars to the Beach every half hour in afternoon.

WARM WIRELETS.

The Paul Whittin Manufacturing Company at North Bridge, Mass., shut down its cotton mill today for a week, to curtail production. It affects 500 employees.

Final returns from the county local option election held yesterday at Union, S. C., give the dispensary a majority of eleven votes over Prohibition. The total vote polled was twelve hundred and fourteen.

The reports of cotton interests at Toronto, say their mills contemplate no such action as that of the New England mills, which are curtailing their output 25 per cent. Canadian mills will, it is stated, continue to run full time all winter.

At a stormy session of the Republican State Central Committee at Topeka, Kan., yesterday Secretary of War William H. Taft was unanimously endorsed for President of the United States. The State convention is called for March 4 at Topeka.

Two cases of spinal meningitis, or "spotted fever" were discovered at the naval training station at Newport, R. I., yesterday. The victims, Robert B. Holloway, of Litton, Tenn., and Frederick F. Crawford, of Charleston, Ill., were removed to the naval hospital.

An eclipse of the sun will occur January 3, and will be partially visible in the Southern States and the Western coast of North America. The eclipse will be total at Flint Island in the Pacific and will be observed by a party from the Lyck Observatory in charge of Professor W. W. Campbell, who already have been conveyed there from Tahiti aboard the United States ship Annapolis. In the United States the eclipse will be visible at just about sunset and its duration will be short.

While returning this evening from a visit to Louise Home, where she went to make a call upon a dying aunt, Miss Letitia Tyler, a grand daughter of President Tyler, was assaulted by an unknown man and robbed of her purse at Washington, D. C. Miss Tyler's aunt, who was Mrs. Letitia Tyler Semple a niece of President Tyler died this afternoon. Miss Tyler is 65 years of age and a clerk in the Navy Department. Her assailant was not apprehended. Mrs. Semple, during President Tyler's incumbency acted as mistress of the White House.

With every charity bed in the city of New York occupied, lodging houses overcrowded, bowery saloons turned into barracks, and an array of wanderers on the streets, the charity organizations in New York are helplessly facing a situation which will reach its climax with the first cold wave. After the informal conference of the various charity organizations yesterday it became known that more than 50,000 strangers were homeless in that city and that at least half that number spend nights on benches and floors wherever shelter is afforded. While the tide of the unemployed who are flocking into the city has not been stemmed, the charity organization members are making vain attempts to care for those already there.

NO MORE CABINET OFFICERS.

But President Roosevelt Says That Bureau Should be Established.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 28.—The Committee of One Hundred, on National Health, announced today that at a meeting of the members a letter had been read from President Roosevelt in which he opposed a National Department of Health, to be under the direction of a new cabinet officer. President Roosevelt in his letter to Prof. Fisher, chairman of the committee which was made public today said:

"I believe that we could with advantage have a Bureau of Health, to be put under one of the existing departments, but we need no additional cabinet officers. On the contrary they would be a disadvantage. While we do most urgently need a reorganization of the Bureau and Divisions of the present cabinet, we also need to have every executive officer of the government put under some cabinet officer. I am utterly against the creation of any independent bureau, not under a cabinet officer."

The committee is now generally committed to the advocacy of a system of health bureaus within an existing department rather than a new department.

ONE PASSENGER DEAD.

Russian Steamer Arrived at New York After a Hard Time at Sea.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 28.—With one of her passengers dead, and another seriously injured and with her decks battered and scarred by tremendous waves, the Russian steamer Sratov arrived here today from Litau and Rotterdam. The voyage was a continuous struggle against wind and wave. Heavy weather was encountered from the start and the seven-teen cabin and 827 steerage passengers were kept closely confined to their quarters. On December 21 a huge wave broke over the bows and sweeping down caught two women steerage passengers. So great was the force with which the wall of water struck the women that one of them was instantly killed. The other sustained serious injuries. Everything movable on that portion of the deck was caught up and carried along until it crashed against some solid portion of the ship. The damage to the steamer was confined to the breakage of deck fittings.

THREE ARE DEAD.

Bloody Battle in Caldwell County Lasted for an Hour or More.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 28.—A special from Morganton says news has been received there from Collettsville, Caldwell county, ten miles from Lenora, of a fight to the death between four mountaineers, two brothers named Clark and the Rader brothers. Knives were the weapons used and the men fought for an hour without interference, with the result that both of the Clarks and one of the Rader brothers were killed and the other Rader badly slashed. Moonshine liquor is said to have inspired the battle.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Has Tobacco Trust Decided to Stop Doing Business in Kentucky.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 28.—It was announced today that the American Tobacco Company had given directions to their representatives here to rent out their warehouse, or re-handling house at Frankfort and cease business until further notification.

Developments are awaited with great anxiety by the holders of tobacco of this year's and last year's crop.

GREENSBORO, DEC. 28.

The man Smith, who was arrested here Christmas Eve by Police Sergeant Barnes on suspicion of being a murderer wanted in Oakland, Cal., has been turned over to the Reidsville police to answer the charge of beating a board bill. Mr. Barnes decided that Smith was not the man wanted in Oakland.

A Real Wonderland.

South Dakota, with its rich silver mines, bonanza farms, wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mound City, in the home of Mrs. E. D. Clapp, a wonderful case of healing has lately occurred. Her son seemed near death with lung and throat trouble. "Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clapp, "when I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great medicine, that saved his life and completely cured him. Guaranteed for coughs and colds, throat and lung troubles, by R. R. Bellamy, druggist, 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle 10c.

BADLY MIXED UP.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says: "Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed to cure blood poison, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by R. R. Bellamy, druggist, 50c.

THE REAL TEST

Of Herpicide Is in Giving It a Thorough Trial.

There is only one test by which to judge of the efficiency of any article and that is by its ability to do that which it is intended to do. Many hair vipers may look nice and smell nice, but the point is do they eradicate dandruff and stop falling hair? No, they do not, but Herpicide does, because it goes to the root of the evil and kills the germ that attacks the papilla from whence the hair gets its life.

Letters from prominent people everywhere are daily proving that Herpicide stands the "test of use."

It is a delightful dressing, clear, pure and free from oil or grease.

Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

TWO SIZES—50 CENTS AND \$1.00.

HARDIN'S PHARMACY, Special Aq.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to your Place of Business or Residence for Advertisements for our Business Locals Department. 'Phone the Star office, No. 51.

Rates—25 cents for each insertion of twenty-five words, or less. Additional words, more than twenty-five, one cent per word in advance.

The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for Notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charges for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for Advertisements always call the Star office, 'Phone 51.

WANTED—Large quantities of sap pine and long-leaf heart pine crosses. Will give the highest cash prices for them delivered on wharf in Wilmington. Send in your ties and get your cash. The money panic doesn't affect us. The Windley Cross-tie Company, office 114 Princess street. Postoffice Box 695. de 27 6t*

SALESMAN WANTED—Sell retail trade, your locality, \$65 per month and expenses to start or commission. Experience unnecessary. Heringsen Cigar Co., Toledo, Ohio. de 29-1t*

FOR RENT—First toll house with acre of ground, all for \$10 per month. Apply to M. C. Darby & Co., Real Estate, 114 1-2 Princess street. de 29-1t

YOUNG LADY wants position at once as stenographer. Well educated, has had experience in Law, Express and Railroad offices, and is willing to work. Address Miss E. R., care Morning Star. de 29-1t*

WANTED—Occupants for bed room and connecting sitting room, with private bath, in small family, nice location, well heated and electric lighted. Address A. B., care the Star. de 29-1t*

TWO GENTLEMEN can get nice room with or without board; also two rooms for light housekeeping. Address L. F. F., Box 579 City. de 29-1t*

WANTED FOR 1908—Experienced salesmen. Attractive line for retail trade. Worth \$300 monthly and better to producers. Position permanent to energetic and reliable men. Box 574, Dept. 42, Chicago, Ill. de 29-1t*

BAKER wanted at once. First class. Single preferred. Address, stating salary expected. The Lumberton Bakery, Lumberton, N. C. de 29-2t*

SEVENTEEN AND A HALF acres of good farming land for sale at a low price for cash. Address P. O. Box 243, City. dec 29 1t*

FOR RENT—Several desirable rooms with board; privilege of phone and bath, hot and cold water. Apply at No. 7 South Fourth street. de 29-3t

LEFT on car between 905 North Fourth street and corner Front and Castle streets, lady's fur. Please return to 905 North Fourth street. de 29-1t*

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC—I wish to notify my friends and the general public that I will engage in the Real Estate and Renting business on January 1st, 1908. My long experience in the business will insure good tenants and prompt rent returns. I solicit your patronage and assure you that all business entrusted to me shall have careful and prompt attention. W. L. Burkheimer, Office No. 214 Princess street. de 29 1w*

OLD ESTABLISHED Special Paint House can use traveling salesman. Salary and expenses. Must be able to refer to former employers. Give references when applying. The Eclipse Paint & Mfg. Co., Cleveland, Ohio. de 25-4t

SAME NAME, Same location, Same business. Ice cream, fruits, candies, fireworks, oysters any style at Candycapps. A Mavronichols. de 25 1t

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St. Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 719. se 23-1t

WANTED—Young man who has had some experience in feeding job presses. Good opportunity to learn the trade. Address "Press" care Star office. dec 20 1t

YOUR OPPORTUNITY—A long established wholesale grocery business with excellent reputation can be purchased on easy terms. The opportunity is exceptional. Address B. Postoffice Box 163, City. no 26-1t

THE GILBERT HOUSE, corner of Front and Princess streets steam heat, electric lights, hot and cold water. Regular transient and table board. Rates by the week A. M. Gilbert. nov 5 1t

THIRTY-SECOND SERIES—The Clarendon Savings & Loan Association will open its 32nd series of stock on Saturday the 4th day of January 1908. This association has for past years opened and matured two series each year. Stock to this new series can now be obtained by applying to either of officers named below. Subscribe now and avoid the rush on the last day. D. C. Love, President; Walker Taylor, Vice President; H. McClammy, attorney; S. P. Collier, secretary.

WANTED—For U. S. Army: able-bodied unmarried men between ages of 21 and 35; citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. Men wanted now for service in Cuba. For information apply to Recruiting Officer, 101 Princess st., Wilmington, N. C. au 15 to de 31

STOP! PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, Notary Public. Correspondence, depositions, specifications, commercial and general typewriting satisfactorily performed. Court cases and conventions reported. Meares Harris, 114 Princess Street. Office phone 708; residence phone 546. de 13-1t

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms with privilege of bath. Hot and cold water and electric lights. Apply 501 South Front street. dec 17 1t

ACADEMY

FOR NEW YEAR'S

Wednesday, January 1st.

MATINEE AND NIGHT.

"Along the Kennebec"

Matinee Prices—25 and 50 cents. Night Prices to 75 cents. Seats on sale Tuesday morning. de 29-3t

We Wish For You

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

and make a bid for your business for the year 1908.

Respectfully,

J.W. Murchison & Co

HARDWARE. dec 29 4t

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Oxford, Dec. 28.—Mr. Sim Smith has purchased the interest of Mr. Hughes, in the Taylor, Cannady Bugzy Company, and is now vice-president of the company, this office having been filled heretofore by Mr. Hughes of Lynchburg, Va.

—Asheville Citizen: Mr. R. S. Howland will probably not appeal from the verdict of \$12,000 and \$2,000 interest given against him by the jury at the last term of Superior Court in the suit brought by Mr. R. P. Foster on account of the lease by the Howland Improvement Company of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad but will pay the award in full.

—Wadesboro, Dec. 28.—Mr. T. J. Martin, a prominent farmer who lives about five miles from Wadesboro in the Brown Creek neighborhood, had the misfortune to get his barn burned last night about midnight, together with four head of stock, two milch cows, a large quantity of farming implements and rough feed. Mr. Martin's loss is about two thousand dollars, upon which he had five hundred dollars insurance.

—Raleigh, Dec. 28.—Though no official announcement has been made, yet on the best of authority it is understood that the man has been selected to fill the position of Sea Board All Line freight agent here, made vacant by the death of Mr. E. Brady. The new agent is to be Mr. A. B. High, who for a number of years has been connected with the Seaboard freight office. He is about 25 years old, unmarried, and is an energetic young man of business qualifications.

Greensboro, Dec. 28.—Miss Annie Wrenn, bookkeeper for Ellis Stone Co. was robbed of her purse and \$18 last night just as she reached her boarding house on East Washington street. At the corner of the yard a negro snatched the purse out of her hands and ran. She screamed and people ran out of the house to her aid, but the negro had disappeared. Miss Wrenn heard some one coming up behind her, but never supposed she was in danger of being robbed.

—Winston-Salem, Dec. 28.—J. T. Watkins, of Johnson City, Tenn., father of W. W. Watkins, who is in jail in default of a \$500 bond on the charge of attempt at blackmail upon Mr. Cicero Tise, arrived in the city Thursday night. The father has telegraphed back home for money and he expects to be able to arrange bail for his son, if the certified check arrives. The son will return to his father's home at Johnson City soon after he is released.

—Salisbury, Dec. 28.—Claude Barber, aged 19 years, son of a well known citizen in Rowan county, was accidentally shot and seriously wounded near his home at Barber's Junction Thursday by a brother, William Barber. The two were hunting and Claude was ten feet in front when William's gun was discharged, the load of shot tearing a large hole in Claude's side. Claude fell in his tracks. He was brought to a hospital in Salisbury and the shot removed from near his heart. His condition is critical.

—Durham, Dec. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Crabtree were startled yesterday morning, when they awoke, to find their infant child dead. The infant was three months old, and had not shown any signs of illness, but had been healthy and strong. Last night when it was last seen by Mrs. Crabtree it was sleeping and during the night there was nothing heard by the parents that would indicate that the child was in pain, and this fact made its death most unexpected and sad. When the mother tried to awaken the child it was then discovered that it was cold in the chill of death.

—Fayetteville, Dec. 28.—This city is to have another knitting mill. Dr. E. P. Ewing, a man of large means of Dillon, S. C., has bought from the E. L. Pemberton estate the old Phoenix mill site, situated on Cross creek, running in rear of Green street, not more than one-third of a mile from the business center of the city. On it is a building which Dr. Ewing will enlarge and operate as a knitting mill, for which it was occupied by the Algodon Hosiery Company before they moved to their large building on Person street. The Phoenix cotton factory was run on the site before the Civil War by the fine water-power of the company, the late J. R. Lee being superintendent.

—Wyatt, Dec. 28.—The noted huntsman, Capt. B. C. Williams, of Forestville, who has been the death of so much game, such as birds, turkeys, etc., has of late turned his attention to trapping game for fur. He has one trap in which he has caught one mink, one opossum, one otter, and on yesterday morning on arrival at this noted trap, he found that same had in possession one muskrat which had on a pair of \$2.00 eye glasses. To explain the above, Mr. Williams lost his eyeglasses while setting the trap. They had a small cord attached, which as the rat scuffled around he became entangled in.

—Oxford, Dec. 28.—A little three-year-old colored child was terribly burned Christmas day. It is the same old dangerous method of the mother leaving the house and locking little children in with a few coals in the fireplace. The screams of the child alarmed a neighbor, who burst open the door and found the child in flames. It was a sickening sight. A bucket of water thrown on the child extinguished the flames, but the little sufferer was burned so badly its feet and hands were a crisp of charred flesh. The child said her sister lighted a piece of paper and gave it to her when it was blazing to play with. The child died after twenty-four hours of intense suffering.

LUMBERTON NEWS NOTES

Christmas Incidents and Observations at Robeson's County Seat—Young Man Injured—Booze Traffic.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 28.—Christmas passed off very quietly and pleasantly here. The weather was ideal and everyone seemed to enjoy the day to the fullest extent. Only one or two men were seen on the streets during the day which showed any signs of being under the influence of liquor. Although there was more of it brought here than at any time since Lumberton has had the name of being dry, the people seemed to be more careful about how they used it. A gentleman in a position to know, says there was delivered during the five or six days preceding Christmas along the line of the Raleigh and Charleston Railroad between Lumberton and Marion, a distance of forty-one miles, at least two thousand gallons of booze.

The merchants seem to be well pleased with the holiday trade, some saying they never had better.

On Christmas day Mr. Frank Nash, while out hunting, had the misfortune to shoot himself, the load taking effect in his left foot, making amputation of the great toe necessary.

The exercises at the different churches which have been held during the week have been well attended and much enjoyed.

All of the Lumberton cotton mills suspended operations for the week, so as to give their operators full benefit of the holidays. They will resume work Monday morning.

Mr. A. E. Spivey and family who moved from here to Elizabethtown about a year ago, have returned to make this their future home, having decided that Lumberton is the best place in which to live.

The exposition car, "Cuba on Wheels," was here for three days this week, and was visited by large numbers of our people.

By the change of schedule which goes into effect on the Seaboard on January 5th, train No. 45 which now arrives from Wilmington at 6:35 A. M., will arrive at 7:26; No. 40 from Charlotte, due at present at 11:20 A. M. will arrive at 10:30. No. 39 from Wilmington due at 6:55 P. M. is not changed, No. 44 from Charlotte now due here at 10:45 P. M., will arrive at 9:50. This breaks all connections at Pembroke, but otherwise is one of the best schedules we ever had.

Last Monday night when the train arrived from Charlotte, and many passengers were getting off and on, and much baggage being handled, a bicycle which was put off with the baggage, was stolen before it could be carried into the baggage room. Agent Birmingham went quietly to work trying to recover the stolen property, and yesterday morning his efforts were rewarded by locating both the wheel and the thief, who proved to be Jack Hester, a negro who has already served a term on the chain gang. The wheel was returned to its owner and Jack is in jail, having failed to give the \$200 bond which was required of him.

A lady who came to town last week to do her Christmas shopping brought along something like thirty dozen eggs and over twenty chickens. She found ready sale for them, one merchant buying the lot. Being in a hurry he did not stop to examine or count the chickens, but sent them right on to his residence. Next morning he went to feed them and found three of them dead and all the balance of them suffering with cholera. All of them have since died. The gentleman who did the buying says that over half the eggs were also rotten.

Precedence in New York Society.

A philanthropic society of New York recently arranged a benefit performance in one of the theaters. A large number of prominent women were to act as patronesses. When the time came to have the announcement cards engraved the president of the society was in a quandary. In what order should he arrange the names? He had never given the matter of social precedence a thought. He referred his troubles to one of the women, and she said decisively:

"They must be arranged alphabetically or you will be in hot water at once."

"But some of these ladies are wives of scientific men who are world renowned and some are simply rich. Some are wives of army and navy officers."

"It makes no difference. In New York society the order of precedence is alphabetical, and there is no other rule."—New York Sun.

Generous to the Church.

Lady Dorothy Nevill in her reminiscences tells this story of George Payne, who dropped his worldly means in the quicksands of the turf, but was always untroubled and pleasant in conversation: "Are you not coming to church, Mr. Payne?" was on one occasion the stern interrogation of his hostess, a very great lady, who decried upon him in all the severity of her Sabbath panoply. "No, duchess, I am not," he replied, making swiftly for the door; but, pausing as by a polite afterthought previous to his exit, he exclaimed, with magnificent emphasis, "not that I see any harm in it."

Early Beds.

The beds of the ancients were piles of skins. The first beds resembling those used in modern times were made of rushes and later of straw. The use of feathers in making beds has been attributed to the Romans, and Elagabalus (Heliogabalus) is said to have used an air cushion for a pillow in 218 A.D. Beds were frequently used during the sixteenth century. Feather beds were largely used during the reign of Henry VIII. of England.

LINKED WITH DEATH.

Articles That Brought Tragedy to Their Owners.

SOME QUEER COINCIDENCES.

The Hindoo Idol That Mme. Carnot Ordered Destroyed—A Grim Exhibit in a London Museum—A Ring That Brought Its Owners to Suicide.

Of course the psychologists have explanations for them all, but there are lots of things that happen that somehow do not respond readily to these so called explanations of "purely mental effect" or "accidental coincidences" and all that sort of thing.

When Mme. Carnot, widow of Sadi Carnot, died and her will was read, a clause in it caused considerable comment. This was to the effect that a certain small Hindoo idol carved from a hard stone which would be found among her property must be taken out and crushed until completely destroyed. Many marveled at this apparently singular request, for the idol seemed a harmless, ugly little thing, but her instructions were carried out to the letter.

The idol had been presented to Sadi Carnot years before he had ever thought of the presidency of France by a friend who had brought it from India. Later he learned that there was a legend attached to it which asserted that whosoever would retain it in his possession would rise to the fullest height of power in his chosen profession, but die of a stab wound when at the zenith of his career. Carnot traced the history of the idol and found that for 500 years the rulers who had possessed it had all died either in battle or by assassination of stab wounds. Yet he laughed at the story, called the facts adduced by his search a mere chain of coincidences and retained the idol. He died by a dagger in the hands of an assassin; hence Mme. Carnot's strange request.

In Chicago a pawnbroker has a queer looking old turnip of a watch that he will not sell and will not wear, for he knows its history. He bought it at a sale of accumulated police property, and after the sale as a warning one of the police officials related three "coincidences" in connection with it. The first Chicago man to own the watch, so far as the police knew, had been killed by a burglar, and the watch was one of the few things the thief got away with. A few weeks later the burglar, with a party of his pals, pursued by the police for another crime, took refuge in a house on the outskirts of the city and sought to hold the officers at bay. All were taken alive except the burglar, and he was shot dead. The watch was found on his body. It was around the detective bureau for a long time, and one day one of the force asked permission to take it home to show some friends, his description of its quaint, curious case having aroused their curiosity. On his way back to report that night, with the watch in his possession, he was shot dead by a crook who had a long standing grudge against him.

The pawnbroker put the watch in his showcase, but purely as an ornament, and made such investigation regarding its history as he could. He learned that it had been made in France more than a hundred years ago, and five men who had worn it had died violent deaths. Yet these were all coincidences, and the curse of the old woman from whose hands it had been snatched by a thief in Bordeaux shortly after it left its maker's hands had nothing to do with the case whatever.

In the South Kensington museum, London, there is an object catalogued 22,459. It is a cast of a woman's face and was found in an excavation not far from Luxor, in Egypt. The cast is that of a beautiful woman, but the face wears an expression of sinister evil. The man who found the cast died within twenty-four hours after he had touched it, and the two workers who handled it died within a few weeks. Three of the carriers who handled it on the Nile boat died within a short space of time, and the man who reshipped it at Cairo also died within less than a week after he had played his part in the work of getting it to its destination. All these were seemingly natural deaths, but it is odd that all the men whose fingers touched the cast in Egypt should have died so soon after the handling.

Then there is the ring of which Girouard, the French detective, has told us and which now is in one of the museums of Paris. It is odd in that it is flexible, slightly so, for it is formed like a twisted serpent in closely woven gold links with an opal on the top of the head, two tiny emeralds for eyes and a ruby in its mouth. Seven such rings are not apt to be in existence in any one city, yet seven times during the twenty-nine years Girouard served the Parisian police in a position which brought him to the morgue daily he found this ring on the bodies of suicides. Four times it had been claimed by relatives of the dead, and twice had it been sold. The seventh time Girouard saw it that it went through the usual red-tape channels to a place where it could no longer be worn.—New York Press.

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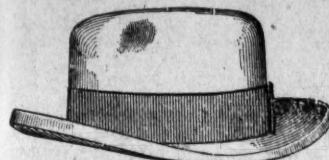
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By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County made in the cause of Ralph M. Harrison, Administrator of Joseph Todd, deceased, versus Helen M. Todd et al, the undersigned Commissioner appointed by said decree will sell, to the highest bidder, for cash, at public auction, on Saturday, January 25th, 1908, at twelve o'clock M., at the Court House door of said County, in the City of Wilmington, the following described lot of land in said City: Beginning in the Eastern line of Ninth street 164 feet South of the Southern line of Castle street; runs thence Southwardly along Ninth street 44 1/2 feet; thence Eastwardly parallel with Castle street 70 feet; thence Northwardly 44 1/2 feet; thence Westwardly 70 feet to the beginning, being part of Lots 1, 2 and 3 Block 81.

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WM. M. BELLAMY,
Commissioner.

STATEMENT

Report of the Condition of THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, at Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, at the Close of Business, December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts ...	669,720.86
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,254.21
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	125,000.00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits	50,000.00
Bonds, securities, etc. ...	149,100.00
Banking House Furniture and fixtures	20,000.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) ..	117,316.74
Due from State Banks and bankers	70,916.15
Due from approved reserve agents	48,125.63
Checks and other cash items	907.46
Notes of other National Banks	15,485.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	2,518.58
Lawful Money Reserve in Specie	\$84,740.75
Legal tender notes	61,860.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	7,064.47
Total	\$1,424,009.85

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	125,000.00
Surplus fund	125,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid ..	92,062.33
National Bank notes outstanding	125,000.00
Due to other national Banks	66,119.03
Due to State Banks and Bankers	107,089.94
Dividends unpaid	873.00
Individual deposits subject to check	721,600.30
Certified checks	40.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	11,225.25
United States deposits	50,000.00
Total	\$1,424,009.85

State of North Carolina,

County of New Hanover.

I J. W. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES,
Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4th day of December, 1907.

W. C. ARMSTRONG,
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Schedule in Effect November 17, 1907

NOTICE.
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NORTHBOUND.	
No. 41.	No. 42.
Lv. Wilmington ...	9:40 am
Ar. Goldsboro ...	12:55 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount ...	3:55 pm
Ar. Weldon ...	4:55 pm
Ar. Norfolk ...	8:30 pm
Ar. Wilson ...	1:53 pm
Ar. Petersburg ...	7:05 pm
Ar. Richmond ...	8:00 pm
Ar. Washington ...	11:50 pm
Ar. Baltimore ...	1:43 am
Ar. Philadelphia ...	4:25 am
Ar. New York ...	7:23 am

SOUTHBOUND.	
No. 41.	No. 42.
Lv. New York ...	8:25 am
Ar. Philadelphia ...	11:55 am
Ar. Baltimore ...	2:15 pm
Ar. Washington ...	3:45 pm
Ar. Norfolk ...	8:30 am
Ar. Richmond ...	7:25 pm
Ar. Petersburg ...	8:05 pm
Ar. Weldon ...	9:59 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount ...	11:55 pm
Ar. Wilson ...	11:50 pm
Ar. Goldsboro ...	6:15 am
Ar. Wilmington ...	9:35 am

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.	
Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wilm'n ...	5:15 am
Ar. Flor. ...	9:05 am
Ar. Col'bia ...	12:25 pm
Ar. Ch'n ...	1:10 pm
Ar. Savannah ...	6:55 pm
Ar. Jacksonville ...	9:00 am
Ar. Tampa ...	7:15 pm

NORTHBOUND.	
Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa ...	9:00 am
Lv. Jacksonville ...	9:30 am
Ar. Savannah ...	1:41 pm
Lv. Columbia ...	6:12 pm
Ar. Florence ...	4:30 pm
Ar. Wilmington ...	1:10 am

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

Westbound. Eastbound.	
Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wilmington ...	8:40 am
Lv. Fayetteville ...	12:10 pm
Ar. Sanford ...	1:40 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.	
North-bound.	South-bound.
Lv. Wilmington ...	8:30 pm
Ar. Newbern ...	7:00 pm

Trains No. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Pennsylvania R. R. for all points east.

Trains No. 48 and 49 carry Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.

Trains No. 55 and 50 carry Pullman Sleeper between Wilmington and Columbia.

T. C. WHITE,
General Passenger Agent.

W. J. CRAIG,
Passenger Traffic Manager.

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By Rail and Water

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company Tuesday at Johnstown, Pa., was made defendant in suits for over \$1,000,000 damage brought by the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Company and the Webster Coal Company. The allegation is made that for four years the railroad company has discriminated against the prosecutors in the matter of coal cars and that rebates have been granted to the Glen White Coal Company.

The Erie Railroad has decided to reduce the salaries of its employees in the executive, administrative and clerical departments. The reduction will amount to from 2 per cent. to 10 per cent. and will affect about 1,500 men whose salaries are more than \$60 a month each. This reduction will not apply to trainmen, conductors, engineers, or other men engaged in the physical operation of the road, for their wages are determined by agreements made every year or two.

According to Richmond passenger officials, holiday travel thereabout was not up to the high mark of 1906, which fell below the record of the year previous. The general desire to economize was responsible in a large measure for the decrease, a fact which was apparent at many of the educational institutions, from which fewer students than usual went home for Christmas. On inter-State travel the reduced rates applied, but in going from one to another Virginia point the travelers bought straight one-way tickets, which at 2 cents a mile, sent them along more cheaply.

The Georgia State Railroad Commission has declined to interfere with its present rules regarding the collection of cash fares on trains. Application was made to the commission for a change in the rules, under which the railroads would be allowed to collect only a nominal sum, say 25 cents, where a passenger fails to purchase a ticket. The present rule is that where a passenger has opportunity to purchase a ticket and fails to do so, the railroad may, in its discretion, collect one cent a mile additional, but if there is no ticket office where a passenger gets on a train, such additional charge cannot be made. It is this rule which, after full hearing, the Railroad Commission has declined to interfere.

A special to the Times-Dispatch from Boston says: "The Seaboard Air Line report for the year ended June 30th is issued as follows: Gross earnings, \$17,204,182; net, \$3,101,034; total net earnings \$3,132,837; interest rentals, etc., \$3,437,027; net deficit, \$304,190. This above deficit shows against a surplus of \$1,131,578 last

year, but \$2,315,915 is charged to equipment and maintenance, and this is largely responsible for the showing. Included in the cost of maintenance is \$155,000, representing the value of equipment destroyed or retired from service during the year. Credit to equipment renewal fund expenditures on account of roadway, track and structures was \$2,205,997, or \$845.87 per mile."

From all parts of the South come the same statement that the theatrical season has been adversely affected by the rate laws. Recently a New York newspaper said that companies were returning twenty a day. "The reason of this," said a passenger man "is that under a ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission, block tickets cannot be sold to theatrical companies unless the same cheap rate is made to apply to individuals generally. Inasmuch as the public at large cannot be accommodated in the same way, the railroads withdrew block tickets from sale and road companies had to pay the regular rate. If you will look into the record, however, you will find that the high-class organizations were not disturbed, although the barn-stormers had to realize the famous song of Walter Jones that 'it's fourteen miles from Schenectady to Troy'."

According to the statistics compiled by the Railway Age railroad construction in the United States has been nearly as heavy in 1907 as in 1906, which was the heaviest year since 1888. The total number of miles of new track laid this year has been 5,730, of which 422 miles were in Louisiana, 341 in Florida, 385 in South Dakota, 314 in Texas and 311 in Washington. In Canada during the same time 723 miles were built, and in Mexico 349 miles. The greater part of the new track was laid before the financial stringency, only a small amount of mileage being constructed after September. The orders for freight and passenger cars and locomotives in 1907 were smaller than at any time during the last seven years. The volume of orders for this part of railroad equipment was about 55 per cent. of the total of 1905 and 1906. The year has been notable for the increase in the number of block signals installed, the increase having been 3,721 for the twelve months ending December 31.

Officials and passenger men of the Atlantic Coast Line report heavy business southward and are expecting a good touring season. The service that the Atlantic Coast Line will inaugurate for this season comprises the following trains: The Famous Florida Special, operating between New

York and St. Augustine, is the standard of perfection. This train is composed exclusively of Pullman's finest vestibule drawing-room sleepers, compartment, parlor, dining, library and observation cars, electric lighted and steam heated. No extra fare, beyond the regular Pullman fare, is charged. This elegant train will leave New York, commencing January 6 at 2:10 P. M., arriving the next day in Jacksonville at 3:35 P. M., and arriving at St. Augustine at 4:45 P. M. It will be a daily service. The Atlantic Coast Line will still maintain the excellent service that it has in years past. It is said by the officials of the road that the above will be the only electric lighted train operated this season. The route of the palatial train will be via the Pennsylvania railroad to Washington, the R. F. & P. Washington to Richmond, the Atlantic Coast Line to Jacksonville, and the Florida East Coast railway to St. Augustine.

COAST LINE TRAVEL.

Messrs. Craig and White Talk Interestingly of Outlook.

Friday's Jacksonville Times-Union has the following:

Passenger Traffic Manager W. J. Craig and General Passenger Agent T. C. White, of the Atlantic Coast Line, spent yesterday in the city in conference with local officials of the railroad relative to the inauguration of the palatial tourist trains from Chicago and New York to Florida, January 5 and 6 respectively. The gentlemen left at night for St. Petersburg and other points in South Florida on a tour of inspection, and expect to be in the State for the next week or ten days. Both officials expressed surprise at the great industrial progress that has taken place since their last visit, and admiration of the thrift and prosperity that was apparent on every hand in the city.

They predict that the recent Wall Street flurry and the condition of the money market will not in the least affect the tourist travel to Florida this winter.

"Why, we anticipate, and are preparing for, the heaviest travel of tourists to Florida this winter on record," said Mr. Craig. "Many of New York's and the East's wealthiest families, whose custom it has been for years to visit Europe during the winter time, have expressed their desire of coming to Florida this season in order that they may be closer to home. You can readily see how it affects Florida. The State will have her old friends back, besides many new visitors, and once they visit Florida, and inhale of the charming salt ozone, they usually come the second time. "We also expect a very heavy travel from the West. The farmers out there have experienced a most successful season, and they propose escaping the displeasures of a cold and frozen climate."

"The Atlantic Coast Line will have this season the most elegantly equipped trains that have ever been operated into Jacksonville from the North. The New York service will have no

equal illuminated throughout by electricity, elegantly appointed, and with every comfort and convenience, this train will be a rare example of modern passenger service. The schedule time of the train between New York and Jacksonville will be from an hour and a half to two hours less than last season.

"By the way," continued Mr. Craig, "Did you realize that Jacksonville is one of the best advertised cities in the country? All the roads are conducting a campaign of advertising Jacksonville. There will soon be twelve palatial tourist trains operated into the city, and the roads are not sparing money in advertising the fact. Illustrations and descriptive matter telling of Florida's beautiful and growing metropolis are liberally supplied, and handsome in their design, the booklets are to be prized as souvenirs."

Mr. Craig and Mr. White are among the most popular railroad officials in the country, and they have many friends in Jacksonville who are ready to extend to them a cordial welcome to the city.

On to the Limit.

Put the lid on, put the lid on! Lick it and then stick it on! Knock it on, block it on! Get a lock and lock it on! Slam it on, cram it on. Get some jam and jam it on! Screw it on so good and tight That not even dynamite Can its iron grip release. Never let your efforts cease! If men try to sell cigars, Put the brutes behind the bars! Should a party sell some grub, Put the law upon the dub! Should a person soft drink search, Make the lobster go to church! Make the old pot boil and sizz, Make our town the best what is! If the steam seeps through a crack, Shove it back, shove it back! Keep the heated vapor in, Undeified reform must win! Let kickers kick, as kick they must, But wedge her on and let things bust! —Nashville American.

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At The Theatre.

The Academy will have open house all this week and will offer a popular price attraction, the Williams Comedy Company, and a one nighter, "Along the Kennebec." The latter will break into the week's engagement of the former and hold the boards matinee and night New Year's. For this attraction the scale of prices will only run to 75 cents and a novel feature will be the company's own brass band, which will be seen and heard on parade Wednesday morning.

The Williams Comedy Company—This popular price attraction will open its engagement at the Academy tomorrow night and will run for all the week, save Wednesday, and in this attraction theater-goers are promised one of the very best of its kind. The plays are all new and the specialties all up-to-date and clever. An indication of the strong merit of each will be found in the performance tomorrow night, when the play will be the modern drama, "Under the Lion's Paw," and when an elaborate line of specialties will be introduced between acts. The play and vaudeville will be changed nightly and will be of the very best.

The sale of seats for tomorrow night started at Plummer's yesterday morning. Popular prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents, will prevail throughout the engagement.

For New Year's—"Along the Kennebec." New England comedy, comes to the Academy for matinee and night New Year's. The piece is now in its third successful season and has met with popular approval wherever presented, and has been used as a text by two ministers in their sermons. The play is full of comedy hits. It is comedy that a girl or woman can laugh at and not blush at the same time. The burlesque scene in the third act between Zeke Dasher and Bunlick Tubbe is said to be one scream from start to finish and five other comedy characters keep the audience in a happy frame of mind. All special scenery is carried for the production, and it is said to be strictly a scenic production from first act to last. Some pleasing singing and character specialties are introduced during the action of the piece, and "Along the Kennebec" sends its audience home feeling pleased and satisfied that "Along the Kennebec" had been in town.

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 27.—S. A. Lee, professional hypnotist, and J. C. Ragland, his business manager, engaged in a fist fight Christmas day. Several blows were passed and the blood flowed freely. As a result of the fight there will be no hypnotic performances in the theatre this week, the engagement of Professor Smith

having been cancelled. Ragland says that he is done with hypnotism. He declares that 98 per cent of the stunts performed for the amusement of the public is fakes.

HE DIED FIGHTING.

How Prince Louis Napoleon Was Killed by the Zulus.

How Prince Louis Napoleon was killed by the Zulus June 1, 1879, is told graphically in the book by Sir Evelyn Wood, who took part in that war. The little party which the prince accompanied was surprised and attacked. Sir Evelyn writes: "The Zulus in pursuit ran first after the two white soldiers who were on the flanks, three or four men, headed by Labanga, following the prince. His horse had jumped just as he was mounting, and his sword fell out of its scabbard. He was very active and was vaulting on his horse in motion when the wallet on the front of the saddle broke away, and he fell to the ground, being at this time only sixty yards behind the (British) fugitives. There were seven men who actually fought the prince. When Langalebele, pursuing the fugitives, first saw Labanga, he was running away from the prince, who was rushing at him. Labanga, crouching in the grass, threw an assegai at him. The first assegai struck in the prince's thigh, and, withdrawing it from the wound, he kept his foot at bay for some minutes. In the native's words: 'He fought like a lion. He fired two shots, but without effect, and I threw an assegai at him, which struck him, as I said at the time, but I always allowed Labanga's claim to have killed him, for his assegai hit the prince in the left shoulder, a mortal wound.'"

Some Odd Wills.

One of the oddest documents of the will kind known was that of Queen Austrigilda, consort of King Goutram of Burgundy. The dying princess enjoined upon her husband to slay and bury in the same grave with her the physicians who had attended her. Another will was that of a husband who forbade his wife's marrying on pain of his returning to haunt her. This is quite different from that of a woman who instructed her executors to seek out "some nice, good, pretty girl" who would make an affectionate second wife to her spouse. It is a fact interesting in this connection that the first Napoleon actually bequeathed 10,000 francs to a fellow named Cantillon, who had been tried for attempting the assassination of the Duke of Wellington.

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The Girl Across the Aisle.

By E. H. HOUGH.

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RETURNING to my car as the train started, I noticed that I had neighbors across the aisle, apparently a well dressed, gray haired and bearded man, his wife and their daughter, the latter so lovely that I stared at her until my persistency provoked a keen, fierce glance from her father, whereupon I withdrew my gaze, and he resumed his newspaper. Immediately the girl across the aisle glanced around, and I intercepted a flash from a pair of dark eyes instinct with what seemed like fear or entreaty.

But not even the beauty of my fair vis-a-vis could successfully divert my mind from the painful theme upon which it was dwelling with a consciousness of humiliating failure.

The cashier and confidential man of a large business house had absconded with half a million dollars in cash and negotiable securities, and simultaneously the only daughter of the firm's senior member had eloped with a worthless suitor.

My firm was not professionally interested in this branch of the case. We were to trace the absconding cashier, described as twenty-seven years of age, tall, slender and dusky, heavy black mustache, smooth shaven cheeks, while certain memoranda evidently forgotten and discovered in a secret compartment of his desk seemed to render the task of overtaking him a matter of little time and ordinary skill.

My assignment on the case was a high compliment, and I had been sanguine of success. But most of the clues I followed ended in a "pocket," my carefully formulated theories and hypotheses proved fruitless, and while debating as to what I should do next I received a peremptory telegram directing my immediate return to headquarters.

While ruminating thus I fell to drumming with my fingers on the arm of the seat. Instantly the girl across the aisle looked up, darting a keen, inquiring glance at me. Her lips moved as though repeating some formula, and as I kept on drumming her excitement visibly increased. Just then her father, looking up from his paper, frowned at her and, glancing over at me, tapped his forehead, waving his other hand toward the girl.

For awhile I kept up my drumming, and while the girl did not appear to notice me I could see that she was listening intently; her lips moved, and her expression varied from one of hope to the deepest depression. For the want of better occupation I continued the experiment awhile, finally ceasing altogether, whereupon she sank back against the seat, pale and inert.

By and by the cars stopped again, and my attention was attracted to a boy on the platform jerking a rosined string through a drum shaped piece of cardboard—a sample of the basketful he carried and which he was demonstrating with a zeal and volume of discordant sounds that rivaled pandemonium. Instantly the girl across the aisle—that was the side nearest the station platform—became violently excited.



INSTANTLY THE GIRL ACROSS THE AISLE LOOKED UP.

The blood rushed to her cheeks and tears to her eyes. Touching her father's arm, she exclaimed eagerly:

"Papa, papa, buy me one of those pretty, noisy playthings!"

I fancied I detected a sinister gleam in the man's eye, but he answered roughly:

"No; that thing is only for boys and children!"

"Oh, please, please, papa!" she persisted, clasping her hands. "I must have it! I want to see if it will sing for me. Quick, quick, before he is gone!"

As she would not be pacified and some of the passengers were looking at her, her father smiled grimly and thrust one hand into his pocket.

"Anything to please a fool!" he muttered. Opening the window, he bade the boy outside toss up one of his infernal machines, snatched it from him, threw out a quarter and shut the window.

"There!" He tossed it in the girl's lap. "See how long that will amuse you." As he resumed his paper I watched the girl across the aisle with a new interest, coupled with growing mystification.

She turned the toy over and over, held it to her cheek and lips, her face instinct with passionate yearning, then slowly and timidly drew the string back and forth, producing a succession of short, jerky, rasping sounds, which she gradually tempered and softened. Finally, tiring of watching her, I resumed my pastime of drumming with my fingers. Instantly she stopped, regarded me eagerly, then, sadly shaking her head, dropped her crude plaything in her lap.

What was the girl trying to do? A look into her set, tense face scouted the idea of anything so trivial as a flirtation. When I stopped drumming she resumed her performance; when I drummed she was quiet, listening intently, but with evident disappointment. Giving up the riddle at last, I leaned back, with folded arms. Immediately, with a most inexplicable look toward her father and toward me, the girl across the aisle resumed, with an air of desperate determination, the same unvarying iteration of sounds and pauses until the performance became almost intolerable. Indeed, it was getting upon my nerves, and I was contemplating an appeal to her father when I stumbled into the light. Her maneuver was making its way not upon my nerves alone, but upon an inner consciousness, slowly responding to the magic code. I began to follow and analyze that rhythmical succession of sounds and pauses until I was able to recognize, distinguish and translate them. The girl across the aisle was communicating through her crude plaything telegraph messages to me!

Noting my expression, she stopped, then flashed a significant glance toward her father. Obeying her unspoken injunction, I busied myself with a book, but in a moment she was at work again, and her message read:

"I am trying to speak to you. Do you understand?"

My response was to cast a bewildered glance at her. Instantly she turned her face from me toward the window, but I was on the alert for the next message.

"Drum with your fingers on the arm of your seat as you did before. I can read that. Don't look at me."

Here was the last link in the riddle. I rapped:

"I understand you. How can I help you?"

She appeared not to notice me, sitting with her hands relaxed, apparently lost in reverie. But another message soon followed.

"This man who pretends I am crazy is not my father nor an old man—only twenty-seven. Read again."

I rapped "Yes," keeping my eyes on my book. Then her improvised telegraph spoke again.

"He robbed my father, abducted me and will force me to marry him as soon as he is safe from capture. He threatens to kill me if I try to escape or betray him. His name is Jeremy Saunders. Have you understood?"

Had I? If ever I needed nerve it was then. On my return home, defeated, baffled, I found myself by a freak of fortune hot on the trail. Across the aisle, so near that I could touch him, yet so secure in his disguise that he could mock me to my face, sat my quarry, while to this girl, his prisoner, had come the heaven sent inspiration we both needed.

Stealthy my fingers by an effort, I rapped:

"Yes. Your name next. Will aid you with my life."

"I am Almo Osgood," she responded. "The woman is Saunders' sister. We alight at Rochester, and unless help comes quickly I am lost."

I consulted my time table. We would reach Rochester in an hour.

"Do you fear arrest and temporary detention?" I rapped.

"I fear nothing that will free me from this man," was the prompt response.

"Very good," I replied. "If in mortal power I will free you. Say no more. It is risking too much."

As I rapped the last words Saunders flung down his paper.

"Be done with that infernal din!" he exclaimed. "It is past all endurance!"

"Yes!" said the girl wearily. "The tune won't come, and I'm sleepy!" She lay back, with closed eyes.

"About time!" I ejaculated. "Will you have a cigar with me in the smoker? I'm feeling a bit dotty myself."

"Thanks, no. I dare not leave the girl. This is the first outing for three weeks, and I swear it will be the last."

"I don't blame you. Well, I'll have a smoke and dispose of this thing." I took the toy gently from her lap. "So long."

Passing through the train to the telegraph operator's car, I sent a code message to the Rochester authorities:

"Arrest man, woman and girl alighting from car Cumberland, train 47. Will signal. Send man who knows me. Farnham."

When I returned to my section Miss Osgood was still sleeping and Saunders reading, but I managed to engage him in conversation until we reached Rochester. Then he made a sign to his sister, who shook Miss Osgood none too gently.

"You alight here?" I said. "So do I. We may see more of each other."

"I think not," he answered shortly. "I stop over but a few hours."

As his sister was arousing her charge I rapped one more message.

"Stumble when you reach the station platform. Cough if you understand me."

A brief suspense, then Miss Osgood sat up, coughed sharply and shot a look at me. The woman fairly jerked her to her feet, and we proceeded, Saunders first, I behind him, and the

others following. Glancing through the end window, I spied three men scanning the cars. On the platform Miss Osgood stumbled, falling heavily against me. Instantly I caught Saunders by the shoulder, exclaiming:

"Here they are! Take all!"

One officer seized Saunders, and as his sister tried to drag the girl away I caught her arm, jerked her around and in a moment she and Miss Osgood were prisoners.

After the first gasp of astonishment and fury Saunders fought like a demon. He plunged one hand in his pocket and shot it out toward Miss Osgood, who was close beside him, but I struck his elbow, sending the object flying, then, springing past him, secured it. It looked like a fountain pen, but proved to be a hollow tube with a sharp metallic tip and filled with poison. One prick of that tiny weapon on the girl's flesh and she would have been dead past all help. Handcuffs were finally snapped on Saunders' wrists, and we were all marched off to a vehicle in waiting.

Committing Miss Osgood to the care of the prison matron, who took her to her own comfortable home, we kept telegraph and long distance telephones hot for awhile. I was the hero of the occasion, receiving eulogiums from my chiefs and from Mr. Osgood, all of



SHOT IT OUT TOWARD MISS OSGOOD.

whom requested me to await their arrival. That evening I heard Miss Osgood's story.

"Saunders was my father's confidential man," she said, "and a secret suitor for my hand. I disliked and distrusted him. The day of the robbery he seized me on a bystreet, put me in a carriage and kept me somewhere, right in the city, for several days. I overheard him when he thought I slept telling that he had written father that I had eloped with a man I had long before dismissed. Finally we left Cincinnati, and he has passed me off as his crazy daughter and declared that when safe from pursuit he would force me to marry him to prevent father from prosecuting him."

"Tell no more if it pains you!" I urged as her lips quivered and her eyes filled with tears.

"It relieves me," she replied. "You were the first friend I found, and by that time I was nearly in despair. But from the moment I looked into your face I felt that I could trust you. I had studied telegraphy as a pastime, so of course I recognized your tapings immediately. How I thanked heaven for that knowledge!"

"And I thank heaven that I took up the study when a lad, intending at that time to fit myself for an expert telegrapher," I answered fervently. "When I am thinking deeply I fall instinctively into the habit of keeping tally, as it were, with my fingers. But why did you not try to open communication with me in the same way?"

"I was afraid to risk it for fear Saunders would notice me and suspect what I was doing."

"What would he have done in that case?" I asked.

"Nothing that any one would be likely to notice. He would simply have pressed a tiny needle point into my arm, and I should have fallen back dead, while, as he took care to warn me beforehand, the only verdict would be heart disease. But when I caught sight of that boy with his wares I believed I could find the way, while inducing Saunders to believe that I was temporarily demented—as he evidently did—to catch and fix your attention until you discovered what I was really about."

"You certainly kept me guessing a good while," I said, smiling.

"But it took you so long to guess right!" she rejoined, with a sigh. "But, really, the greatest risk was when you began to reply," said Miss Osgood after a pause. "I feared that one of us might make some unlucky slip or gesture that would betray us and ruin all."

I stayed with Miss Osgood as late as her hostess would permit ere I bade her good night. When the various interested parties arrived the following day I was lauded to the skies. Mr. Osgood declared I had made him my debtor for life. Morning brought the news that the prisoners had made a simultaneous and almost successful attempt at suicide, but they were discovered in time and subsequently tried, convicted and sent to long terms of imprisonment.

When I bade Miss Osgood farewell two days later as she left Rochester with her father her sweet eyes confirmed his cordial invitation that I should be his guest at the first opportunity, and my chief very kindly made that opportunity an early one.



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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 28.
SPIRITS—TURPENTINE—Market steady 39 1-2.
ROBIN—Market, steady \$2.55.
TAR—Market, nothing doing.
CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm \$2.00 per barrel for hard, \$3.00 for dip and \$3.00 for virgin.
Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin nothing doing; tar firm \$2.35; crude turpentine, \$3.35; \$4.50 and \$4.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine 13
Rosin 66
Tar 67
Crude Turpentine 12
Receipts—Same day last year 12 casks spirits turpentine; 74 barrels rosin; 174 barrels tar; 48 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Nominal.
Same day last year—Steady 9 3-4 cents for middling.
Receipts—274 bales, same day last year 1,328 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

PEANUTS—North Carolina Prime 80c, extra prime, 85c; fancy, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; Virginia—No. 1, 60c; fancy 65c; Spanish, 85c; 90c.
CORN—Firm, 80c; 82 1-2 per bushel for white; 78c for mixed.
N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, 17c per pound; shoulders 12 1-2 to 13; sides dull, 12 1-2 to 13c.
EGGS—Dull at 25c. per dozen.
CHICKENS—Dull at 15c. 30c. for large springs; grown, firm, 30c to 35c.
BEEF—Firm at 24c.
TALLOW—Firm at 1 1-2 to 1 1-4 per pound.
BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2 per pound on foot.
HIDES—Dry flint, 8 to 9c; green 4 to 5c per pound.
PORK—Firm at 7 to 10c. per pound.
TURKEYS—Firm at 15c on foot; 18c to 20c, dressed.
SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 65c to 70c per bushel.
CHEESE—Firm, 60c to 70c per head.
COW PEAS—\$1.40 to \$1.50 per bushel; white peas, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per bushel.
WOOL—Firm at 23c to 24c per pound.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 28.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of 3 to 6 points, which was about as due on the cables. Trading was quiet during the early session and after some irregularity the market rallied to about the closing prices of last night on covering of shorts and a little buying by Wall Street. It was reported that an annual clearance sale of goods was going slowly which was considered a bearish feature, but on the other hand there were reports of an improvement in financial circles both in this country and abroad and sentiment in the local market was pretty well divided.

The market closed steady with prices net 2 to 7 points lower. Receipts of cotton at the ports today were 75,000 bales against 54,737 last week and 42,566 last year. For the week 340,000 against 354,341 last week and 814,492 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 18,697, against 16,569 last year and at Houston 17,438 bales against 14,020 last year.

Spot closed steady. Middling uplands 11.80; middling gulf 12.05; sales 1,150.
Futures were steady:
December 11.04
January 10.35
February 10.48
March 10.61
April 10.63
May 10.66
June 10.66
July 10.66
August 10.50

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Quiet, 11 1-2; Net receipts 15,079.
New Orleans—Steady, 11 1-8; Net receipts 18,697.
Mobile—Firm, 10 7-8; Net receipts 1,442.
Savannah—Quiet, 10 9-16; Net receipts 6,567.
Charleston—Nominal; Net receipts 1,176.
Wilmington—Nominal; Net receipts 274.
Norfolk—Steady, 11 1-8; Net receipts 3,952.
Baltimore—Nominal, 11 1-4.
New York—Steady, 11.80.
Boston—Steady, 11.80; Net receipts 56.
Philadelphia—Steady, 12.05.
Total today at all ports, Net 56,737; Great Britain 3,733; France 20,400; Continent 17,659; Stock 1,036,868.
Consolidated, at all ports, Net 56,737; Great Britain 3,733; France 20,400; Continent 17,659; Stock 1,036,868.
Total since Sept. 1, at all ports, Net 4,890,797; Great Britain 1,558,944; 447,437; Continent 1,557,388; Japan 61,244; Mexico 1,020.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 11 3-8; Net receipts 15,438.
Augusta—Quiet, 11; Net receipts 1,374.
Memphis—Steady, 11 3-8; Net receipts 4,070.
St. Louis—Quiet, 11 1-2; Net receipts 4.
Cincinnati—Net receipts 1,300.
Louisville—Firm, 11 3-8.
Little Rock—Steady, 10 3-4; Net receipts 1,328.
Total today—Net receipts 25,527; Gross receipts 30,619; Shipments 26,805; Sales 1,958; Stock 308,181.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)
Liverpool, Dec. 28.—Cotton: Spot small business done, prices 4 points higher. American middling fair, 6.74; good middling, 6.38; middling, 6.12; low middling, 5.78; good ordinary, 5.36; ordinary 4.86. Sales, 4,000, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 3,400; American receipts 32,000, including 42,100. Futures opened and closed steady. American middling, G. O. C.: Decem-

ber, 5.68; December and January 5.68; January and February 5.69; February and March 5.70; March and April 5.71; April and May 5.72; May and June 5.73; June and July 5.72 1-2; July and August 5.69 1-2; August and September 5.61 1-2; September and October 5.50 1-2; October and November 5.40.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 28.—The undertone of the drygoods market is decidedly better, owing in part to the resumption of buying by some large western houses and the resumption of bill discounting by other factors. The trade for the day was quiet.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 28.—The stock market was under some constraint today and the brisk advance which was inaugurated yesterday was not pursued with confidence. Gains were more than wiped out in the final settlement. This was due in part to the reduction in the short interest effected by the covering operations of yesterday, which in turn were the largest element in the advance. Traders who bought yesterday, also, were disposed to take profits today.

The bank statement proved more favorable than the most sanguine expectations. The \$9,400,000 gain in cash compared with preliminary estimates of from three to four millions. The loan contraction of \$17,752,400 in a week of preparation for meeting heavy obligations reflects gratifying power of recuperation by the banks. Bonds firm. Sales par value \$1,336,000. United States 2s have advanced 1-2 per cent. on call during the week. Sales, stocks 259,900 shares.

CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 28.—The statement of the clearing house banks for the five days this week shows that the banks hold \$20,170,350 less than the requirements of the 25 per cent reserve rule.

This is an increase of \$11,580,650 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week. The statement follows:
Loans, \$1,147,694,400; decrease, \$17,752,400.
Deposits, \$1,050,925,400; decrease, \$8,568,500.
Circulation, \$71,736,600; increase, \$1,077,000.
Legal tenders, \$54,686,700; increase, \$3,067,300.
Specie, \$187,874,300; increase \$6,371,200.
Reserve, \$242,561,000; increase, \$9,438,500.
Reserve required, \$262,731,350; decrease, \$2,142,150.
Deficit, \$20,170,350; decrease \$11,580,650.
Exclusive of United States deposits, \$488,075; decrease, \$11,653,875.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 28.—Money on call nominal. Time loans dull and firm; sixty days, 12 and ninety days 10 to 12 per cent.; six months, 8 per cent. Close: Prime mercantile paper 8 per cent.; sterling exchange strong with actual business in bankers bill at 4.8465 to 4.8475 for demand and at 4.80 for sixty day bills. Commercial bills 4.78 1-2. Bar silver 52 1-2. Mexican dollars 40 1-2; government bonds steady. Railroad bonds firm.

New York Bonds.

U. S. Refunding 2s reg. 105
U. S. Refunding 2s cou. 105 1-2
U. S. 3s reg. 101 1-2
U. S. 3s cou. 101 1-2
U. S. new 4s reg. 119
U. S. new 4s cou. 119
American Tobacco Co. 4s 60
American Tobacco Co. 6s 51
Atlantic Coast Line 4s 84 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio 4s 97
L. & N. Unified 4s 95 1-2
Seaboard Air Line 4s 95
Southern Railway 5s 95
U. S. Steel 5s 95

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper 46 7-8
American Car Foundry 30 1-6
Amr. Car Foundry pfd 83 1-4
American Cotton Oil Co. 28
Amr. Cotton Oil Co. pfd 70
American Locomotive 34 1-2
American Smelting & Ref. 71 3-8
Amr. Smelting & Ref. pfd 92
American Sugar Refining 99 1-8
Amr. Tobacco pfd cert 70
Atchafalpa 70 5-8
Atchafalpa pfd 85
Atlantic Coast Line 82
Baltimore & Ohio 89
Baltimore & Ohio pfd 75
Chesapeake & Ohio 38 7-8
Kansas City Southern 23 1-2
Kansas City Southern pfd 52 1-4
L. & N. 92 1-2
New York Central 91
Norfolk & Western 63
Norfolk & Western pfd 70
Pennsylvania 109 1-2
People's Gas 79 1-2
Reading 94 1-8
Reading 2nd pfd 75
Rock Island Co. 15 1-8
Rock Island Co. pfd 29
Southern Pacific 73 3-4
Southern Pacific pfd 109 1-2
Southern Railway 13
Southern Railway pfd 36
Tenn. Coal & Iron 95
U. S. Steel 26 3-8
U. S. Steel pfd 87 3-4
Va-Car. Chemical 15 3-4
Va-Car. Chemical pfd 86
Seaboard Air Line 437
Standard Oil 55
Western Union 55

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 28.—Flour, firm; Minnesota patents 5.35 to 5.70; Winter patents 4.85 to 5.25.
Rye Flour—Firm; fair good 4.80 to 5.15.
Buckwheat Flour—Steady.
Corn Meal—Firm; fine white and yellow 1.30 to 1.40.
Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 1.07 elevator. Options 1 3-8 net higher. December 1.09; May 1.14; July 1.07.
Corn—Spot firm; No. 2, 73 1-2 ele-

vator. Options 7-8 to 1 1-8 net advance. December 74 1-8; May 68 3-4.
Oats—Spot steady; mixed 54.
Lard—Steady; western prime 8.05 to 8.15.
Pork—Steady; family 18.00 to 18.50.
Tallow—Steady; city 3-8.
Rice—Quiet; domestic fair to extra 2 3-4 to 6 1-2; Japan nominal.
Molasses—Steady; New Orleans open kettle good to choice 3. to 4.2.
Sugar—Raw quiet; fair refining 3.30 to 3.35; centrifugal 96 test 3.85; molasses sugar 3.00 to 3.05. Refined quiet; No. 6, 4.400; No. 7, 4.35; No. 8, 4.30; No. 9, 4.25; No. 10, 4.15; No. 11, 4.10; No. 12, 4.05; No. 13, 4.00; No. 14, 3.95; confectioners A, 4.60; mould A, 5.15; cut loaf, 5.60; crushed, 5.50; powdered, 4.90; granulated, 4.80; cubes, 5.05.
Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No. 7, 6-1-16; Santos 4 1-8. Mild coffee quiet 9 1-8. Mild coffee quiet; Cordova 9 1-2 to 13. Futures net advance of 5 points.
Cotton Seed Oil barely steady and lower on some grades. Prime crude 29; prime summer yellow 36 1-2; off summer yellow 35 to 36 1-4; good off summer yellow 35 to 36 1-2; prime white 36 1-2 to 38 1-2; prime winter yellow 43 to 45.
Freights and Peanuts—Steady, unchanged.
Potatoes—Steady, unchanged.
Cabbages—Steady, unchanged.
Butter—Steady.
Cheese—Firm, unchanged.
Eggs—Irrregular; fancy selected white 32 to 34; good to choice 27 to 30; brown and mixed fancy 27 to 28; first to extra first 25 to 26.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Chicago, Dec. 28.—Light receipts in the Northwest formed the chief reason for a strong wheat market here today. At the close May wheat was 1 5-8 to 1 3-4 higher. Corn was up 1 1-4 to 1 1-2; oats 1-8c; provisions 5 to 12 1-2 per cent. higher.
Leading features closed as follows:
Wheat—Dec. 1.00 7-8; May 1.07 3-4; July 99 3-4.
Corn—Dec. 59; May 59 3-4; July 58 5-8.
Oats—May, old 54 3-8; May, new 52 3-4; July, old 48 1-2; July, new 46 1-2.
Mess Pork, per bbl.—Jan. 12.51 1-2; May 13.17 1-2.
Lard, per 100 lbs.—Jan. 7.67 1-2; May 7.85.
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—Jan. 6.70; May 7.10.

Cash quotations were as follows:
Flour, steady; prices on patents, bakers and straights not available; No. 2 spring wheat, 1.09 to 1.12; No. 3, 98 to 1.10; No. 2 red, 99 3-4 to 1.01 1-8; No. 2 corn, 58 1-2 to 59; No. 2 yellow, 63 1-2 to 64; No. 2 oats, 50 1-2; No. 3, white, 47 1-2 to 50; No. 2 rye, 78; fair to choice malting, 88 to 95; No. 1 northwestern, 1.20; prime timothy seed, 4.30 to 4.35; clover, contract grades, 16.75; short ribs, sides (loose), 6.50 to 7.00; mess pork, per barrel, 12.00 to 12 1-2; lard, per 100 pounds, 7.70 to 7.72 1-2; short clear sides (boxed), 7.87 1-2 to 7.12 1-2; whiskey, basis of high wines, 1.35.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 28.—Rosin quiet, strained common to good \$3.20; turpentine quiet at 44.
Savannah, Dec. 28.—Turpentine firm, 40 1-2; sales 106; receipts 433; shipments 165. Rosin firm; sales 2,763; receipts 1,436; shipments 3,583; stock 116,340. Quote: A B C D, 2.65 to 2.75; E, 2.65 to 2.85; F, 2.75 to 2.85; G, 2.75 to 2.90; H, 2.85 to 2.90; I, 3.40 to 3.45; K, 4.50; M, 5.25; N, 6.00; W G, 6.00; W W, 6.25.
Charleston, Dec. 28.—Turpentine and rosin, nothing doing, quotations omitted.

MARINE

CLEARED.

Br. steamer Ness, McWilliamson, Savannah, Ga., Heide & Co.
Str. Navahoe, Hale, New York, H. G. Smallbones.

Exports—Foreign.

London—Br. steamer Ness, 7,500 barrels rosin, valued at \$34,000; cargo and vessel by South Atlantic S. S. Co., by Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 28, 1907.
C. C. Railroad—110 bales cotton.
W. & W. Railroad—117 bales cotton.
A. & Y. Railroad—47 bales cotton, 6 barrels rosin.
Schr. Geneva Moore—13 casks spirits turpentine, 60 barrels rosin, 62 barrels tar, 17 barrels crude turpentine.
Total—274 bales cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine, 66 barrels rosin, 62 barrels tar, 17 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.
Steamers.
Daleby (Br.), 2,353 tons, Ramsey, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Silver Wings (Br.) 1,826 tons, Morgan, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Arroyo (Br.), 2,307 tons, Clough, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Dacre Hill (Br.), 1,714 tons, Kendall, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Byglands (Nor.), 1,640 tons, Olsen, C. D. Maffitt.
Lord Derby (Br.), 2,401 tons, Hendrickson, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Sierra Blanca (Br.) 2,338 tons, Gruchy, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Admiral (Br.), 83 tons, Pearce, Springer Coal Co.
Massachusetts, 437 tons, Lane, C. D. Maffitt.
John M. Brown, 270 tons, Stevens, C. D. Maffitt.
Howard B. Peck, 448 tons, Dodd, C. D. Maffitt.
Evelyn (Br.) 287 tons, Capt. Berry, C. D. Maffitt.
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The Falling Leaf.

The falling of a leaf is brought about by the formation of a thin layer of vegetable tissue at the point where the leaf stem joins the branch of the tree. After the leaf ceases to make starch and sugar for the tree this tissue begins to grow and actually cuts the leaf off. It is therefore not a mere breaking away on account of the wind bending the dried stems, but an automatic severing of the member no longer useful. The falling of ripe fruit is dependent upon the same process.

Willing to Conform.

"Richard," said his precise wife in an undertone, "it is all right for you to avoid elaborate ceremony in introducing the guests to one another, but I wish you would not say, 'Mr. Throgson, shake hands with Mr. Wigmore.' I do not approve of that style of introduction."
"All right, Amaryllis," heartily responded the host. "I'll cut that out. Hello, Flatbush! Awfully glad to see you, Mr. Flatbush, wiggle flippers with Mr. Skimmerhorn."—Chicago Tribune.

She Shut the Door.

The ardent Frenchman looked tenderly at the fair young mistress of his soul. "Je t'adore!" he murmured.
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STATEMENT

Condition of THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business December 31, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts \$1,787,886 59
N. C. State Bonds 55,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par) 450,000 00
Bank Building 25,000 00
Cash 891,114 25
\$3,189,000 84

LIABILITIES.

Capital 500,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits 227,211 61
Circulation 425,000 00
Deposits 1,936,789 28
U. S. Bond Account 100,000 00
\$3,189,000 84

DEPOSITS:

December 3rd, 1907, \$1,457,386 48
December 3rd, 1905, \$1,856,479 01
December 3rd, 1907, \$1,936,789 28
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OUR BLANKETS REDUCED.

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Ready money will talk if spent with us this week. We have reduced the above before we announce our Clearance Sale. It will pay you to visit these departments.

At Half Price

We have on hand about twenty-four pattern hats to close out at half price. See what \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00 and upwards will buy in millinery.

Hair ornaments made for Dances and Parties.

Reduced prices in Carpets, Art Squares, Rugs, Mattings and Window Shades.

We give Southern Trading Stamps.

The C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

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DEAD GIRL IS NOW IDENTIFIED

Name Was Annie O'Keefe And
Her Movements Have Been
Traced.

HAD BEEN HOUSEKEEPER

Detectives are Looking For the Two
Men Who Had the Woman in
Their Employ and are Much
Wanted.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 28.—The veil of
mystery enveloping the tragic death
of the young woman whose nude body
was found submerged in the water and
mud of a lonely pond near Harrison,
N. J., Thursday is being rapidly lifted.

Detectives working on the case be-
lieve that the slayer of the woman,
who was identified today as Annie
O'Keefe, or Annie Nevins, will soon be
run down and taken into custody.

The identification of the dead woman
was first made today by Mrs. Margaret
Wright, who conducts an employ-
ment bureau in Mont Clair, N. J.
She said that the woman had called
on her earlier in the month and asked
for employment. She gave the name
of Annie Nevins but did not state
where she lived. Late this afternoon,
Mrs. Wright's identification was practi-
cally corroborated by Detective
Sergeant Draybell, of Orange, N. J.,
who said the woman's name was Annie
O'Keefe, and that he knew her well
two years ago, when she was employed
in the home of Thomas Nevins a con-
tractor in Orange.

Since that time Sergeant Draybell
states the woman was employed in
the capacity of a maid in several
places in and about Orangeburg. Re-
cently, he said, he had lost track of
her. Draybell informed the police that
the closest friend that Miss O'Keefe
had was Miss Nevins, a niece of Thos.
Nevins and that undoubtedly she took
the name of Nevins at times when seek-
ing employment.

The hat worn by the murdered
woman was found this afternoon in
the Passaic river and turned over to
the police. It is a seal skin turban
and matched the collar and muff
which were found near the body. Mrs.
Wright's description of the clothing
worn by Miss O'Keefe when she ap-
plied to her for work, corresponds in
every detail with the clothing found
near the dead woman's body.

While Mrs. Wright could give little
further information concerning the
woman she recalled that Miss O'Keefe
had told her that she had been acting
as a house keeper for two young men
in Brooklyn.

The Harrison police have much of
Miss O'Keefe's movements just be-
fore the murder from Thomas Flan-
agan, an elevator man in a Newark de-
partment store, who after a visit to
the morgue today, declared with pos-
itiveness that Miss O'Keefe had been
in the store on Christmas eve and had
asked him if a well dressed man had
inquired for a woman in a red dress.
He said that Miss O'Keefe appeared
nervous and after stating that she had
an appointment with the man remained
at the store for over an hour.

Later Flanagan said he saw and
spoke to her in a Chinese restaurant
and that she told him that she had
been unable to find the man. He
states that the woman left the restau-
rant shortly before midnight. The po-
lice say there is no doubt that she
finally met this man and after spend-
ing Christmas day with him was lured
into the Hackensack meadows and
murdered.

Detectives are trying to locate the
two young men who employed Miss
O'Keefe in Brooklyn.

BUSY DAY FOR TAFT

Tomorrow He Will be in Boston and
Make Three Addresses.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
Washington, Dec. 28.—Secretary
Taft is to have a busy day during his
stay in Boston next Monday, he having
no less than three distinct engage-
ments of a semi-public character, at
all of which he is expected to make
addresses.

Monday morning at half past ten
he will attend the Boston ministers
meeting.

In the afternoon at three, there is
to be a reception at the Elysium Club,
made up of Jewish bankers and mer-
chants at which Mr. Taft will speak
briefly and the evening he will de-
liver an address at the banquet of the
Merchants' Association at the Hotel
Somerset.

In Boston Secretary Taft will make
his headquarters at the home of his
cousin, Mrs. Samuel Carr, at 403 Com-
monwealth avenue, where he will take
luncheon with the members of his
family.

The greater portion of Tuesday, Sec-
retary Taft will spend at Millbury,
the former home of his mother, to
which place he will go Tuesday morn-
ing. Here he expects to pay a visit
to Miss Della C. Torrey, a life long
companion and friend of his mother.

Mr. Taft will remain at Millbury
until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when
he will return to Washington by way
of Providence.

It was announced at the Secretary's
office today, that he would remain
home during the day as there is con-
siderable work on hand to which he
wishes to devote his time uninterrupt-
edly. He will leave for Boston at 5:35
tomorrow.

Here's Good Advice.

O. S. Woolver, one of the best
known merchants of Le Raysville, N.
Y., says: "If you are every troubled
with piles, apply Bucklen's Arnica
Salve. It cured me of them for good
20 years ago." Cures every sore,
wound, burn or abrasion. 25c. at R. R.
Bellamy's drug store.

BATTLESHIP FLEET OFF

Will Leave Port of Spain Early This
Morning For Rio de Janeiro
All Being Royally Enter-
tained.

(By Cable to The Morning Star.)
Port of Spain, Dec. 28.—The Ameri-
can fleet will sail for Rio Janeiro to-
morrow morning, probably at an ear-
ly hour.

Rear Admiral Evans on his flagship,
Connecticut and accompanied by the
Alabama, the flagship of Rear Admi-
ral Sperry, the Illinois, the Kearsarge
and the Kentucky, steamed out into
the gulf this morning to adjust com-
passes. They returned about noon.
During the stay of the fleet in Port
considerable time has been devoted
to impromptu drills with the big and
small guns, torpedo and torpedo de-
fenders.

Many of the blue jackets again en-
joyed shore liberty today and the of-
ficers of the New Jersey and Virginia
played a baseball game this afternoon.

The news of the naval controversy
in the United States has been cabled
here and is exciting considerable in-
terest among the officers of the fleet,
but they refuse to publicly express
their views regarding it.

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 28.—President
Penna will entertain all the American
Admirals, a number of officers and
Irving B. Dudley, the American Am-
bassador at a dinner to be given at
the Presidential palace in Petropolis.
The Minister of Marine will invite
the Admirals, the Commanders and
other officers to a "promenade lunch"
on Corcovado mountain, two miles
from Rio Janeiro, while the Naval
Club will offer a similar entertain-
ment at Tijuca Park. A banquet of
six hundred covers will be given in
the Monroe pavilion by the Minister
of Foreign Affairs, Baron de Rio
Branco. On this occasion Dr. Ruy
Barbosa, President of the Senate,
will deliver a speech of welcome. On
January 13, Mr. Dudley will give a
reception in honor of the American
officers at his residence in Petropo-
lis.

News comes here from Peru of the
preparations being made by the Gov-
ernment of that country to entertain
the officers of the American fleet
when they reach the West coast.
President Pardo will give them a ban-
quet of 300 covers, the Minister of
Marine is making preparations for a
great ball for which twelve hundred
invitations have been sent out and
the government will give to each of-
ficer an album containing a collection
of Peruvian photographs.

TRIAL OF CALEB POWERS

Judge Has Instructed Jury and Argu-
ments Will be Made Monday.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 28.—In the
trial of Caleb Powers, for alleged com-
plicity in the killing of William Goebel,
much time was taken up today in
reading official transcripts of this and
former trials and in calling the jury's
attention to alleged contradictions in
the testimony offered at this and former
trials.

Both sides closed rebuttal testimony
today, thus completing the evidence in
the case. Attorney Wilson for the de-
fense, moved to exclude certain testi-
mony, as immaterial. This testimony
related partly to the bringing of the
"mountain army" to Frankfort and to
the acts and declarations of its mem-
bers.

The motion concluded with a state-
ment that witness Henry Youtsey is a
self-confessed principal in the as-
sassination of Goebel. George Morris
guided by the decision of the Kentucky
Court of Appeals on former trials of
the case, overruled the motion.

Judge Morris' instructions to the
jury this afternoon were about the
same as those delivered by Special
Judge Robbins at the third trial of
Powers.

Court instructs that if the jury be-
lieves from evidence beyond reason-
able doubt that Powers is guilty of be-
ing an accessory to a plot to kill Goebel,
as charged, they should find him
guilty and fix his punishment at death,
or life imprisonment.

After the instructions had been read
court adjourned until Monday when
arguments will begin.

Mrs. Elizabeth Powers, mother of
Caleb Powers, and his sister, Mrs. Rebecca Green, will arrive Monday.

HAS GRANTED AN APPEAL.

Virginia Passenger Rate Cases Will
Now Go to Supreme Court.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
Richmond, Va., Dec. 28.—Decrees
granting an appeal from his "final"
decree in the Virginia passenger rate
litigation were received today from
United States Circuit Judge J. C.
Pritchard. This action of Judge Prit-
chard carries the cases to the United
States Supreme Court.

The cases in question are those of
the Southern Railway, Atlantic Coast
Line, the Chesapeake and Ohio, the
Norfolk & Western, the Louisville &
Nashville, and the Chesapeake &
Western Railway companies against
the State Corporation Commission.

A compromise effected between the
attorneys for the Corporation Com-
mission and the railroads interested,
allows the two cent rate as existing
today, to remain in force until the
decision is rendered by the Supreme
Court, which might not have been
done otherwise, as the railroads had
each furnished bond to pay over to the
court all moneys received by them in
excess of the two cent rate as fixed
by the commission in the event that
the case was finally decided against
them. In his final decree Judge Prit-
chard cancelled and released these
bonds.

The decrees granting an appeal fixed
an appeal bond of \$1,000 on each
railroad.

Judge Pritchard ordered that the in-
terlocutory injunction, awarded July
10 last, be made perpetual and that
the Commission be perpetually pro-
hibited from publishing the general
order in respect to passenger rates.

GOVERNOR HAS BUT FIVE DAYS

President Roosevelt Tell The
Nevada Executive to Do His
Duty Quickly.

SAYS HE MEANS BUSINESS

Sparks Must Call His Legislature To-
gether in a Special Session at
Once or Away Will Go The
Troops.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
Washington, Dec. 28.—President
Roosevelt today indicated by telegram
to Governor Sparks of Nevada, that
the Federal troops now at Goldfield
will be ordered to remain there for a
further period of three weeks, pro-
vided the Governor, within five days,
issues a call for a special session of
the Legislature. The telegram of the
President was in response to one from
the Governor in which he sets forth
the need of armed intervention and
expresses the doubt that to call the
Legislature would result in the ne-
cessary request from that body for
Federal aid.

Governor Sparks' despatch reviews
at length the condition bordering on
domestic violence and insurrection
existing in the Goldfield mining dis-
trict for the year past, and contin-
ues as follows:

"This condition has existed in the
Goldfield mining district during the
past year, and exists there now. It
calls for the presence of the troops
to keep the peace. As this condition
has been of slow growth it will take
time to remove it. In my judgment,
it is necessary that troops be kept at
Goldfield for an indefinite period of
time. They should remain there until
both sides are shown that the dis-
trict is not to remain an armed camp
and a scene of continual warfare. The
communist and anarchist must seek
new fields; the laboring man be con-
vinced that arbitration and peaceful
methods are more certain and lasting
methods of improving his condition
than dynamite and the shotgun. This
can only come about with time and
for the present and some time in the
future, the strong arm of the military
must be in evidence to convince all
that no other method will be tolerated.
It is known as a matter of legitimate
history that I recommended a measure
at the last session having for its
object the establishment of a State
constabulary along the lines of the
Texas Rangers, which was rejected
by that body, the members thereof
still being in office. The assembly of
that session, with the vote of all but
one, passed a resolution denouncing
the injustice done Moyer, Haywood
and Pettibone by the denial of a
speedy trial. The resolution, how-
ever, was tabled by the Senate. It is a
matter of only a few weeks since I
called for the opinions of different
representatives and individual citi-
zens of the State generally as to the
advisability of convening a special
session to act upon this matter and
have only just returned to my office.
I am now sending it in lieu of letter,
which I wired you was in course of
preparation. The delay was not in-
tentional on my part and no discourt-
tesy meant thereby. Signature, John
Sparks, Governor."

The President's reply is as fol-
lows:

"The White House, Washington, D.
C., Dec. 28, 1907.

"Hon. John Sparks, Governor. Carson
City, Nevada.

"Your telegram of December 26 is
received. It, in effect, declares that
you have failed to call the Legislature
together because, in your judgment,
the Legislature would not call on the
Government of the United States for
the use of troops, although in your
opinion it ought to do so. The consti-
tution of the United States imposes,
not upon you, but upon the Legisla-
ture, if it can be convened, the duty
of calling upon the Government of
the United States to protect the State
of Nevada against domestic violence.
"You now request me to use the
armed forces of the United States in
violation of the constitution, because
in your judgment the Legislature
would fail to perform its duty under
the constitution. The State Govern-
ment certainly does not appear to
have made any serious effort to do
its duty by the effective enforcement
of its police functions. I repeat again
what I have already said to you sev-
eral times, that under the circumstan-
ces now existing in the State of Ne-
vada, as made known to me, an ap-
plication from the Legislature of the
State is an essential condition to the
definite continuance of the troops at
Goldfield. Circumstances may change
and if they do, I will take whatever
action the needs of the situation re-
quire so far as my constitutional pow-
ers permit. But the first need is that
the State authorities should do their
duty, and the first step towards this
is the assembling of the Legislature.
It is apparent from your telegram that
the Legislature of Nevada can readily
be convened. You have fixed the pe-
riod of three weeks as the time neces-
sary to convene and organize a spe-
cial session. If within five days from
the receipt of this telegram you shall
have issued the necessary notice to
convene the Legislature of Nevada, I
shall continue the station of the troops
at Goldfield during such period of
three weeks. If within the term of
five days such notice has not been
issued, the troops will be immedi-
ately returned to their former stations.
"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

In accordance with the President's
instructions, the Secretary of War
late today sent telegraphic orders to
General Funston, commanding the de-
partment of California at San Fran-
cisco, countermanding previous or-
ders for the withdrawal of the troops
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Knot.

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are to remain at Goldfield, Governor
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